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Arrivals up 752% in September

Visitor arrivals to the islands of Saipan, Tinian, and Rota grew 752% to 1,107 visitors in September 2021, compared to 130 visitors received in September last year.

According to the latest numbers from the Marianas Visitors Authority, South Korea, the CNMI's largest source market prior to the COVID-19 pandemic, recorded 801 visitors in September compared to zero visitors last September.

This was the first time the MVA issued arrival numbers since the last time it released

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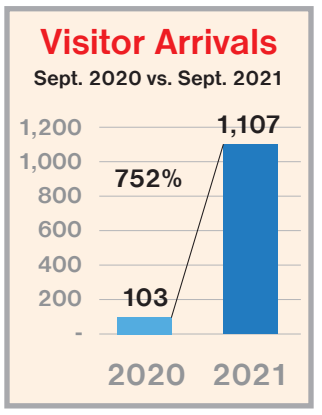

Garber cites testimonial immunity, objects to JGO subpoena for Torres' executive assistant

» Babauta says objection has no legal basis and that JGO prepared to enforce subpoena, including contempt proceedings

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The Washington, D.C.-based lawyer hired by Gov. Ralph DLG Torres to represent him in the ongoing investigation of the House of Representatives Judiciary and Governmental Operations Committee on his expenditures of public funds and travels has objected to the committee's subpoena for the governor's executive assistant to testify, asserting that Frances Dela Cruz has testimonial immunity.

Committee chair Rep. Ce-

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Mallari, Tabenas are 2021 Sengebau poetry competition winners

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Aubrey Tabenas and Jill Anne Mallari were the winners of the 17th Annual Valentine N. Sengebau Poetry Competition held at the Marianas High School cafeteria last Monday.

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From left, Northern Marianas Humanities Council executive director Leo G. Pangelinan, Senior Division winner Jill Anne Mallari, Junior Division winner Aubrey Tabenas, and NMHC project coordinator Andrew Roberto share a photo after the 17th Annual Valentine N. Sengebau Poetry Competition on Monday at the Marianas High School cafeteria. Mallari's and Tabenas' names will be added to perpetual plaques that feature the names and schools of past poetry competition winners.
JOSHUA SANTOS

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Recovered	13,350	55	13,405
Active	2,654	185	2,839
Deaths	215	2	217

SAIPAN	OLD	NEW	TOTAL
Positive	277	4	281
Traced via Travel Screening	240	4	244
Traced via Community Screening	37	0	37
Deaths	3	0	3

*10/11=106; 10/10=61; 10/09=51
Source: Joint Information Center - Guam, Commonwealth Healthcare Corp., https://www.vaccinatecnmi.com/vax-dashboard/

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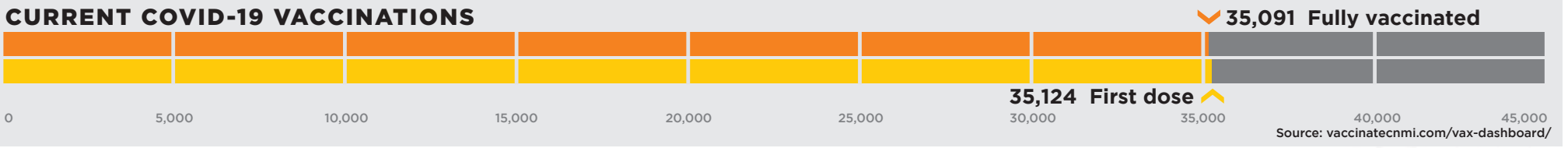

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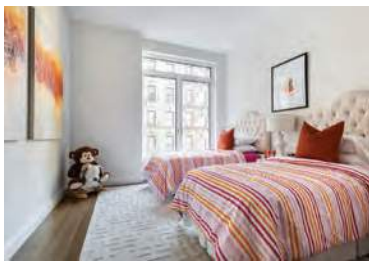

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Local

CNMI govt rolls out new financial management info system

Starting last Oct. 1, which was the start of the new fiscal year, the CNMI government began rolling out a new financial management information system, replacing the severely outdated system it has been using that no longer has technical support or any software updates.

Finance Secretary David DLG Atalig said last Friday the implementation of a new system, called Munis, will hopefully speed up business processes. He said the new system allows the government to have fiscal transparency, effective and efficient processes, and helps in getting things done quicker and better.

"So that's the exciting part," Atalig said.

And it's not just the financial management information aspect, Atalig said. They are also looking at a comprehensive Enterprise Resource System that encompasses all kinds of businesses and areas of the government. He said they will be rolling out a piece of software that will help investors and businesses go online to applyi for either a business license or submit corporate documents

He said they will have a comprehensive integrated system where all permitting agencies work together, see the same information and can communicate and expedite projects that need these permits and licenses.

"And most importantly at my end, they can pay the fees online," he said.

Atalig said there is also a request for proposal for a revenue or tax management information system upgrade.

Atalig

He said they also have a request for proposal for a CNMI valuation study. He said they want to get an updated study on the valuation of the Commonwealth so they know what's the true value of the CNMI—not just the value of real estate or real properties but also the economic value of the Northern Islands, Saipan, Tinian, and Rota, as well as their natural resources. He said the value can help stir up economic development and investments.

The U.S. Department of the Interior-Office of Insular Affairs recently awarded Finance $363,736 to come up with a valuation report of the CNMI. ***(Ferdie de la Torre)***

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Public warned of high surf, rip currents

A high surf advisory is in effect until 6pm today, Wednesday and the public is being warned that there is a high risk of rip currents until 6pm today.

Based on the information received from the National Weather Service in Guam and compiled at the CNMI Emergency Operations Center State Warning Point, large breaking waves of 7 to 9 feet are expected along north facing reefs of Saipan, Tinian, and Rota. There is also a high risk of rip currents along north and east facing reefs. Both warnings are in place until 6pm today.

The Homeland Security and Emergency Management Office is warning that these conditions will create dangerous swimming and surfing conditions and localized beach erosion. Rip currents can sweep even the best swimmers away from shore into deeper water.

The public is being warned to swim near a lifeguard. If caught in a rip current, relax and float. Don't swim against the current. If able, swim in a direction following the shoreline. If unable to escape, face the shore and call or wave for help. Inexperienced swimmers should remain out of the water due to dangerous surf conditions. ***(PR)***

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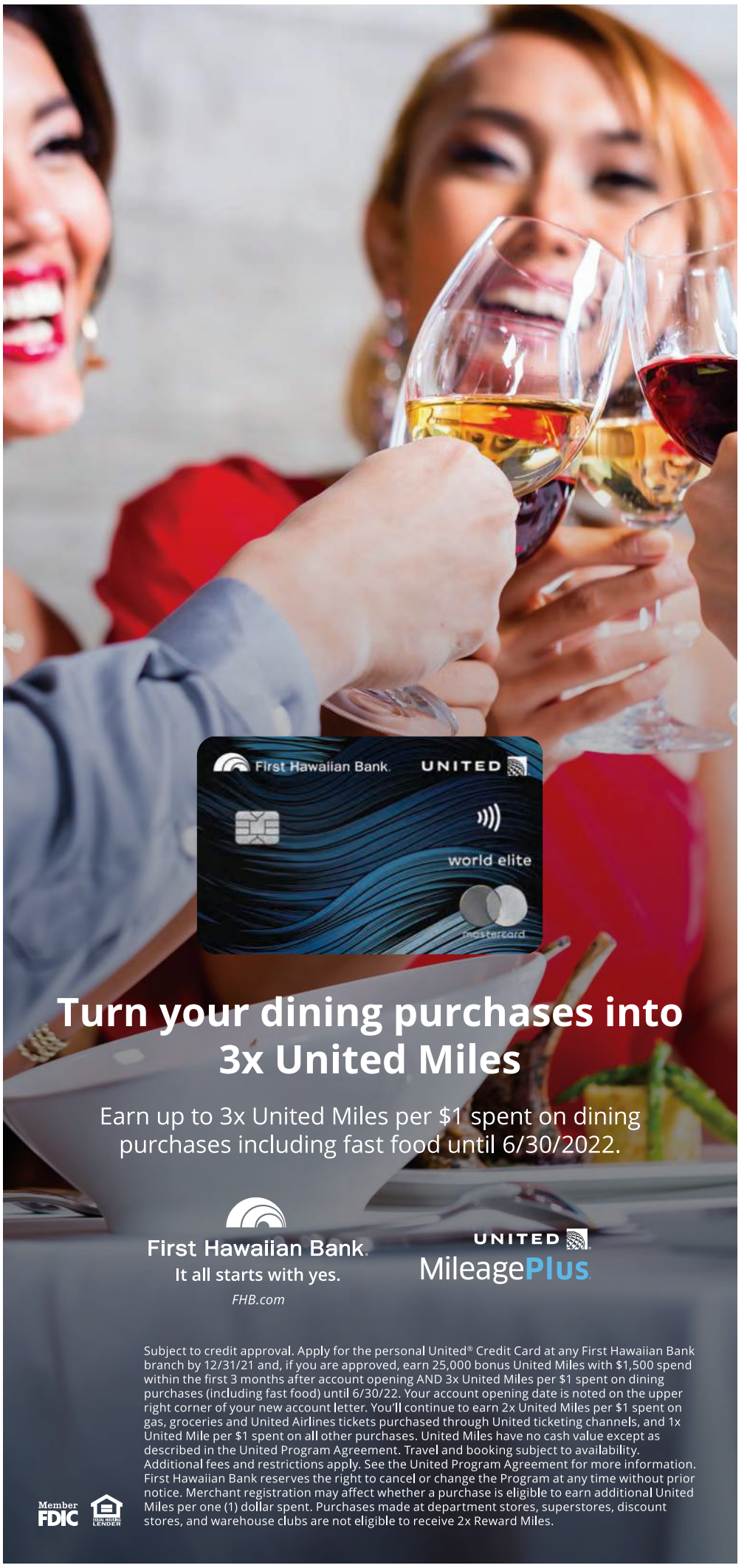
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4 more travelers test positive

» Guam logs more COVID-related deaths; 53 hospitalized

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Four more incoming travelers have tested positive for COVID-19, bringing the CNMI's total to 281. In Guam, the Joint Information Center on Monday reported the island's 213th and 214th COVID-19-related deaths and reported that there are currently 53 hospitalized in Guam with COVID-19. Of the 53, 31 are unvaccinated, said the JIC.

The Commonwealth Healthcare Corp. said yesterday that the four new cases were identified by travel screening and confirmed positive through fifth-day and arrival testing on Oct. 11. The four have been quarantined and are being actively monitored, and CHCC's contact tracing team has already begun reaching out to those who were in closest contact with the travelers. CHCC also reported that there are currently no active COVID-19-related hospitalizations in the CNMI.

The JIC in Guam reported Monday the island's two most recent COVID-19-related deaths that occurred between Oct. 8 and Oct. 9.

Separately, the Guam COVID-19 Surveillance Summary for yesterday showed that the U.S. territory's number of COVID-19-related deaths now number 217 but *Saipan Tribune* had yet to receive a new press release from JIC as of 6:12pm last night.

ARRIVALS

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visitor statistics in April 2020. That year-ago report states that arrivals to the CNMI had dropped 85% to 5,226 visitors in March 2020, compared to 35,295 visitors received in March 2019. The same report stated that arrivals from China dropped from 16,558 arrivals to only 65 in March 2020, arrivals from Korea dropped 82% year-on-year to 2,450 visitors in March 2020 following the cancellation of the last of direct flights from Korea in mid-March, and visitor arrivals from Japan fell 19% to 1,685 visitors, with lone carrier Skymark Airlines ending direct flights on March 25, 2020.

Tourism prospects in the CNMI started showing signs of life in July this year, when the Commonwealth was able to hammer out South Korea's first Travel Bubble and implemented what's called a Tourism Resumption Investment Plan to reboot the market. Since July the Marianas has received 961 visitors from Korea compared to 14 visitors over the same period in 2020. Arrivals from South Korea are expected to continue to grow rapidly through the end of the year.

Meanwhile, 164 visitors arrived from the United States, marking a 179% increase compared to September 2020, and 108 visitors arrived from the neighboring island of Guam, a 13% increase for the month. A combined 34 additional visitors from all other destinations visited in September.

The CNMI has remained relatively unscathed during the pandemic due to strict COVID-19 safety protocols, including stringent testing and quarantine at all borders, a high vaccination rate of 83% of the eligible population, and overwhelming community cooperation with mask-wearing, frequent hand-washing, and social distancing.

The MVA is exploring the feasibility of implementing tourism resumption investment plans for Japan, Hong Kong/Taiwan, Australia, and neighboring parts of Micronesia. Asiana Airlines, Jeju Air, and T'Way provide direct flights to the Francisco C. Ada/Saipan International Airport from Incheon. United Airlines flies daily from Guam. ***(Saipan Tribune/PR)***

GARBER

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lina R. Babauta (D-Saipan), however, stated yesterday that the objection of Ross Garber of the Garber Group LLC law firm has no legal basis and that Dela Cruz, the executive assistant to the governor, remains subject to subpoena for the hearing tomorrow, Thursday.

Babauta said they are prepared to enforce the subpoena through legal remedies, to include but not limited to, contempt proceedings.

She said they are willing to meet with counsel for Dela Cruz and counsel for the Office of the Governor to discuss any privileges or immunities she may be afforded by CNMI law. "But we will not be distracted from doing the people's business by delay tactics or obstruction," she said.

Garber, who is known for his expertise in impeachment proceedings, wrote Babauta last Oct. 11, stating his objections to the subpoena for Dela Cruz to testify.

Garber pointed out that the CNMI Constitution mirrors the separation and balance of powers embodied in the U.S. Constitution, and this applies to the testimonial immunity of certain Executive Branch officials. Just as the U.S. President is the head of the Executive Branch, the governor is the head of the Executive Branch of the CNMI, he said.

He said the U.S. Department of Justice, under both Republican and Democratic Presidents, has long explained that pursuant to the Constitution's separation and balance of powers principles, senior aides to the President have complete immunity from congressional subpoenas.

Garber said the CNMI Constitution reflects the same separation of power's principles, thereby affording immunity to senior advisers to the governor from legislative subpoenas.

"Inasmuch as Ms. Dela Cruz is clearly a senior [adviser] to the governor, she is afforded testimonial immunity. We therefore object to the subpoena on that basis," Garber said.

Babauta said Garber cites U.S. federal Executive Branch memoranda, including from then-associate attorney general Rudy Giuliani to back up his claim, yet cites no case law, whether federal, CNMI or otherwise. In fact, Babauta said, numerous jurisdictions, including federal courts, have explicitly held that Executive Branch aides do not possess absolute testimonial immunity.

She said that, in a case cited by Garber's memos, the District Court for the District of Columbia noted that "the Executive's current claim of absolute immunity from compelled congressional process for senior presidential aides is without any support in the case law."

Babauta noted that the Legislature's "ability to obtain evidence from the governor… is in furtherance of the critical constitutional check…on executive authority necessary to preserve the Constitution's careful balance of powers, not in derogation of it."

Babauta described Garber's communication as part of a pattern of procedural roadblocks by the Executive Branch, particularly since Garber does not represent Dela Cruz. "The pattern of delay and procedural roadblocks at every turn has continued from the Executive Branch," said Babauta.

She said Dela Cruz's counsel, Viola Alepuyo, advised that she would be unavailable most of this week and next week.

Castro: On the table are issues larger than casino

» Ex-Guam senator says CNMI has set the standard throughout the nation in dealing with pandemic

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Former Guam senator William "Wil" Mendiola Castro, who is Gov. Ralph DLG Torres' newly appointed chief of staff, said Friday that, as Torres rolls out his vision and strategic plan going forward, on the table are issues much larger than the casino.

Some of those issues pertain to economic development, economic sustainability, and the ability to survive notwithstanding any one industry, said Castro, who emphasized the importance of building a diverse economy for the CNMI that's resilient.

Speaking at a radio press briefing last Friday, Castro also stated that the Commonwealth has set the standard throughout the nation in dealing with COVID-19 pandemic. "That's not a secret. It's not something in Guam we're ashamed of. It is something we'd fully embrace that [Gov.] Ralph DLG Torres really set the bar when it comes to dealing with the pandemic. Just open the papers and look at it," Castro said.

He said Torres' and the CNMI's progressive track record is an opportunity for him to be a part of that. "You…are writing a new chapter of history and I look forward to being a small part of that," he said.

The other reason why he came on board is because the Torres-Palacios' administration has a proven record in dealing with adversity and in systems under duress, Castro said.

Castro said his priority as chief of staff is the priority of the state and, to translate that loosely, it's the priority of the governor who is the chief executive of this Commonwealth. He said he was excited when Torres called and conveyed to him his tremendous vision for the Commonwealth.

"And I was in awe. …I cannot even grasp the magnitude of what's in front of the people of the Commonwealth," Castro said.

He said Torres' vision that he's going to be rolling out and articulating with stakeholders to include the policymakers in the Legislature is the opportunity of a lifetime to chart the CNMI's own course.

"So that's my priority—to serve the governor well, faithfully, and with integrity and to translate the priorities of the Commonwealth into an actionable plan. That's my job and serve the Commonwealth, to serve the people above all else," Castro said.

Torres said Castro is no stranger to the CNMI as he had served as director of Institutional Effectiveness at the Northern Marianas College where he oversaw the successful lifting of NMC's show cause status and reaffirmed its accreditation.

Castro is a former senator in the 34th and 35th Guam Legislature. He has extensive public service experience with Government of Guam, having served as director of the Bureau of Statistics and Plans, the central planning authority of Guam, and as a Cabinet official and senior adviser to then-governor Eddie Calvo. He also served on several national, regional, and territorial policy and planning bodies relative to oceans, fisheries, coastal and coral matters.

MALLARI

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Tabenas, an 8th-grade Francisco M. Sablan Middle School student, romped off with the Junior Division trophy after a compelling performance of Valentine N. Sengebau's *The Task.*

Mallari, the winner of the Senior Division this year, is an 11th-grade Mount Carmel School student who performed an original poem she composed, titled *Homebound*.

The competition is an annual event hosted by the Northern Marianas Humanities Council. As with all past competitions, this year's contest featured two divisions, a Junior and Senior Division. Competitors in the Junior Division recited poems composed by Sengebau that were published in a 2004 anthology, titled *Microchild*, while Senior Division competitors recited original poems.

Second and third place in the Junior Division was 8th-grade Dandan Middle School student Daniel Dela Cruz, who performed *Mirage* by Sengebau, and 8th-grade Hopwood Middle School student Hayden Igisomar, who also performed *Mirage*.

Rounding out the top three in the Senior Division were Jermaine Yalung and Kaitlyn Balgoa, who are both students of Dr. Rita H. Inos Jr./Dr. High School on Rota and placed second with a duo performance of their original poem, *We Belong*. Third place in the Senior Division was 12th-grade Marianas High School student Erika Pascual, who performed her original poem, *Monachapsis*.

In an interview after the event, Mallari said she has been part of the poetry competition since middle school, but this was her first year competing in the Senior Division and composing her original poem. She was pleasantly surprised that she won this year, and hopes to see more students compete next year.

"This is my first time competing in the high school level [and] composing my own poem. ...I was really self-conscious about how I would be compared to everyone else, but I'm so grateful for this experience, and hopefully, more people [will] join next time because it's like your own community, your own family when [you're] on stage," said Mallari.

NMHC executive director Leo G. Pangelinan said he was pleased with the turnout this year, as the poem competition was postponed last year due to the COVID-19 pandemic. Most importantly, Pangelinan was proud to see this year's students perform, gain public speaking experience, and push through mental hurdles like stage fright.

"It was inspiring to see so many students decide to come out and do this this year. ...I'm proud of the students who may not have recited [their poems] in the way they wanted to, but they kept their poise and stayed [on stage]," said Pangelinan. "I think that's an important life lesson we bring to students through this opportunity. It teaches them to persevere, [how] to deal with public speaking, and to trust in themselves that it will come back to them. They've done it before and they'll do it again. That's always good to see."

Valentine Namio Sengebau, who lived from around 1941 to 2000, was a Palauan poet who made Saipan his home in the latter parts of his life. For almost 30 years while he lived on Saipan, Sengebau wrote dozens of poems for Saipan's news publications at the time. His work regularly discussed personal, political, and cultural life in Micronesia. NMHC compiled Sengebau's poetry into an anthology titled *Microchild*, which was published by NMHC in 2004.

NMHC created the poetry competition to honor the legacy of one of Micronesia's most outspoken poets, to support young aspiring poets, and to ensure that future generations consume and enjoy his work.

In line with current COVID-19 safety protocols, Monday's poetry event was limited to 100 attendees.

Judges for the competition this year were Rep. Leila Staffler (D-Saipan), Northern Marianas College professor Adam Walsh, and Pangelinan.

Consul Ono Kazuhiko, seventh from left, from the Consular Office of Japan in Saipan, Joeten-Kiyu Public Library director Erlinda C. Naputi, eighth from left, and Ono's wife, Masako Ono, eighth from right, share a photo with JKPL staff at JKPL yesterday holding up books that are part of a collection donated by the Nippon Foundation. JOSHUA SANTOS

Nippon Foundation donates book collection to JKPL

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The Nippon Foundation—a Japan-based, public interest incorporated foundation that is dedicated to promoting social change and social innovation—has donated 161 books relating to Japan's history, economics, politics, and art to the Joeten-Kiyu Public Library.

Present for the unveiling of the book collection at JKPL yesterday was Consul Ono Kazuhiko from the Consular Office of Japan in Saipan and his wife, Masako Ono, JKPL director Erlinda C. Naputi, and JKPL staff.

Ono later said that over 180 institutions around the world applied for the Nippon Foundation Library Support Program last fiscal year and only 28 institutions were selected, with JKPL being one of them.

Ono, who hopes the book collection will further strengthen the relationship that Japan has with the CNMI, invites the community to visit the library to learn more about Japan.

"Japan and the CNMI have a special and unique relationship. I hope that through this special occasion of donation by the Nippon Foundation, the relationship will further strengthen, and people in the CNMI will visit [the] Joeten-Kiyu Public Library to read the various books donated to understand more about the history, economics, politics, culture, and art of Japan," said Ono.

Naputi said the Nippon Foundation's donation will further expand the library's pre-existing Asian Collection/ Pacific Collection, and that JKPL remains fully committed to providing access to meaningful programs, resources, and services to the community.

"In partnership with the Consular Office of Japan in Saipan, the Joeten-Kiyu Public Library is fully committed to providing creative and innovative programs, resources, and services that engage our community. We humbly extend an '*un dangkulu na si yuús maáse'* and thank you to Consul Ono and his hardworking team for ensuring that the CNMI community has access to this amazing collection," said Naputi.

"We encourage everyone to visit your friendly Joeten-Kiyu Public Library's Nippon Corner and check out the wealth of resources available for our community on Japanese culture and history," she added.

Torres OKs bill that allocates IPI's $1M casino license fee to Tinian

Gov. Ralph DLG Torres has signed into law a bill that appropriates $1 million of Imperial Pacific International (CNMI) LLC's casino license fees collected for Tinian.

House Local Bill 22-21, D1 was first passed by the Tinian and Aguiguan Legislative Delegation. The bill now becomes Tinian Local Law 22-06. Rep. Patrick H. San Nicolas (R-Tinian) is the author of the bill.

Under the bill, the $1 million shall be appropriated as follows: $30,000 to COTA Tinian and $400,000 to the Tinian Casino Gaming Control Commission ($350,000 for personnel and $50,000 for operations) until the funds are depleted based on the TCGCC budget for fiscal year 2022. The $60,000 shall be appropriated for the Supplemental Medical Assistance Program under the Office of the Mayor of Tinian & Aguiguan; and $40,000 for the Displaced Medical Assistance Program under the Office of the Mayor and Tinian and Aguiguan for permanently displaced Tinian residents residing on Saipan for medical treatment or services pursuant to the Inter-Island Medical Referral Program.

The $470,000 shall be appropriated to the Office of the Mayor of Tinian and Aguiguan as follows: $50,000 for the mayor's discretionary fund, and $420,000 for personnel, operations, professional services, public programs of the Mayor of Tinian & Aguiguan and the Office of the Tinian Municipal Treasurer. ***(Ferdie de la Torre)***

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NMHC will conduct a public hearing to solicit comments from the public on 10/18/21, 9:00 am at NMHC's Main Office in Garapan, Saipan. Copies of the draft **2021-2022** Qualified Allocation Plan (QAP) are also available at NMHC's Main Office in Garapan, Saipan and on our website at www.nmhcgov.net.

Interested persons wishing to express their views on the QAP may do so either by attending the public hearing or by submitting comments to NMHC by 4:30 p.m. on 10/15/21. Individuals interested in attending the meeting and needing special accommodations are requested to contact NMHC in advance. In compliance with the CNMI COVID-19 guidelines, face-masks must be worn, social distancing will be enforced, and not more than ten (10) people will be allowed in the conference room during the course of the meeting.

For more information on this program, please contact NMHC at 234-6866/7670/7689/9447.

/s/ **JESSE S. PALACIOS**
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Island Snapshots

A DAY OF CULTURE AT GUMA HUSTISIA

Traditionally made and intricate beadwork are put on display at the Guma Hustisia as part of the CNMI Judiciary's celebration and showcase of CNMI culture last Friday.

JOSHUA SANTOS

John Castro, middle, and a colleague make rope using coconut fibers. Alongside the rope, also on display are traditionally made tools and a small-scale, carved wooden boat. The demonstration was part of the CNMI Judiciary's celebration and showcase of CNMI culture last Friday at the Guma Hustisia.

JOSHUA SANTOS

Members of the Commonwealth Council for Arts & Culture share a photo at their table where they demonstrated how to make mwaars, or decorative flower wreaths typically worn on the head. The demonstration was part of the CNMI Judiciary's celebration and showcase of CNMI culture last Friday at the Guma Hustisia.

JOSHUA SANTOS

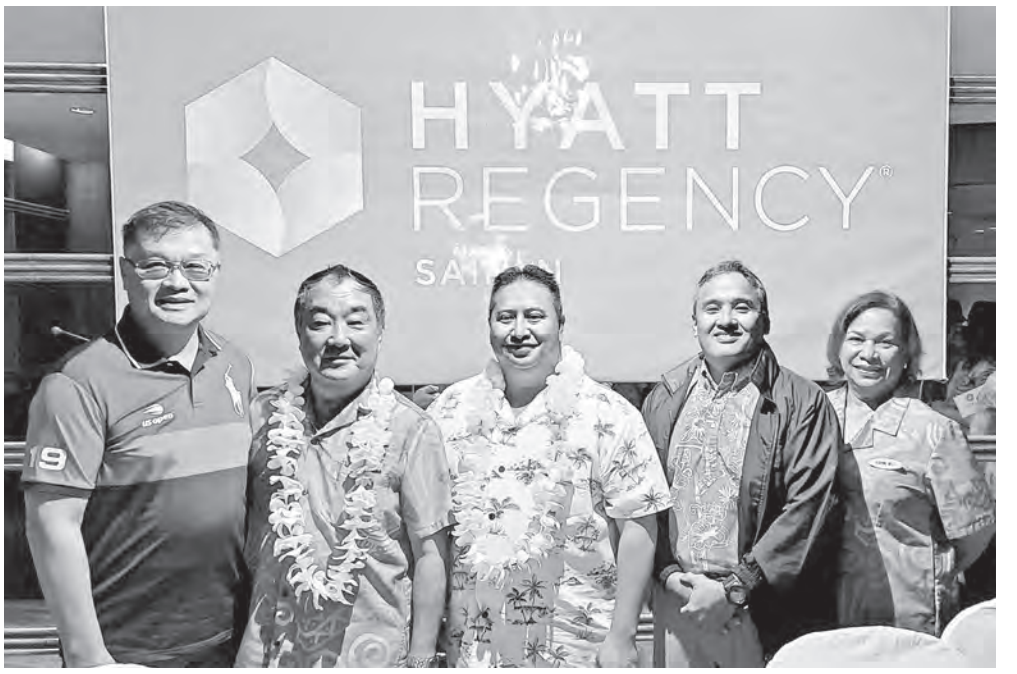
NMI Museum of History and Culture docent Archie Ajoste, leftmost, shares a photo with colleagues at the museum's table last Friday during an event hosted by the CNMI Judiciary last Friday at the Guma Hustisia.

JOSHUA SANTOS

DFEMS

SMOKE ALARM CAMPAIGN

Teams from the American Red Cross-NMI Chapter, along with Department of Fire and Emergency Medical Services and Aircraft Rescue and Firefighting of the Commonwealth Ports Authority installed reportedly over a thousand smoke alarms in the homes of the public last Saturday, Oct. 9, 2021, as part of the annual Smoke Alarm Campaign. They also gave some public education about the smoke alarms and what they should do when the alarms go off. This campaign goes along with National Fire Prevention Week and the theme, "Learn the sounds of fire safety." Photos taken from the DFEMS social media page.



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NEW HYATT LEASE

From left, Governor's Council of Economic Advisers co-chair Jerry Tan, Hyatt Regency Saipan general manager Nich Nishikawa, Gov. Ralph DLG Torres, GCEA board member Alex Sablan, and Hyatt Regency Saipan human resources director Josephine Mesta smile for the camera at the signing ceremony last Friday at Miyako Restaurant, Hyatt Regency Saipan in Garapan, during which Hyatt renewed its land lease for 40 years.

LANCE CPL. AUSTIN GILLAM

EXERCISE FREEDOM BANNER

U.S. Marine Corps Sgt. Orlando Alvarez, a motor transport operator with 5th Battalion, 11th Marine Regiment, 1st Marine Division, watches over the fire direction control center on Tinian, Northern Mariana Islands, Aug. 12, 2021. Exercise Freedom Banner is designed for 1st Marine Expeditionary Force to train a Maritime Prepositioning Force by establishing an Expeditionary Advanced Base and increase relations in the Indonesian Pacific region.

U.S. Marine Corps Lance Cpl. Micah Wilhelm, a radio transmissions operator with 5th Battalion, 11th Marine Regiment, 1st Marine Division, prepares a TAMPA satellite system in support of exercise Freedom Banner on Tinian in the Northern Mariana Islands last Aug. 12, 2021.

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U.S. Marine Corps Lance Cpl. Micah Wilhelm, a radio transmissions operator with 5th Battalion, 11th Marine Regiment, 1st Marine Division, operates a spectrum analyzer in support of exercise Freedom Banner on Tinian in the Northern Mariana Islands last Aug. 12, 2021.

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Case vs man accused of sexual abuse of a minor is dismissed

The CNMI Superior Court dismissed last week the case against a man who was accused of sexually abusing a minor who was also one of his tenants.

Last week, Associate Judge Teresa Kim-Tenorio granted the prosecution's motion to dismiss the sexual abuse of a minor case against Renato Tabuena, 61, without prejudice. When a case is dismissed without prejudice, it means the case can be filed again.

According to assistant attorney general James Houston, the victim and her father had requested the Office of the Attorney General not to prosecute the case because the victim and her father have permanently left the island.

Tabuena was arrested back on Aug. 5, for charges including sexual abuse of a minor in the third degree, indecent exposure in the second degree, and disturbing the peace.

According to court documents, Tabuena allegedly groped the breast of the 13-year-old girl on the night of Aug. 3, while she was outside her home and was playing with outdoor cats. He also allegedly flashed the minor.

At the scene, responding officers met with the caller who told police that the victim told her that her landlord, Tabuena, touched her right breast. She told police that the victim said Tabuena also grabbed her hand and placed it on his crotch before taking his genitals out of his pants to show it to her.

During a forensic interview conducted by the Department of Youth Services with the victim on Aug. 4, the victim said she had stepped out of her house at around 8pm on Aug. 3 to play with the outdoor cats when she noticed Tabuena.

The victim claims that Tabuena came to her and grabbed her right breast and squeezed it while she was kneeling and playing with the cats. Then, when she removed Tabuena's hand, the victim alleged that Tabuena tried to do it again but she stopped him. He then allegedly grabbed her arm and placed her hand on his inner thigh before she pulled her arm back. That's when she claims Tabuena pulled his genitals out and showed it to her. ***(Kimberly B. Esmores)***

Guam launches online driver's license and ID services

HAGÅTÑA, Guam—To make more government services available online, Guam's Department of Revenue and Taxation launched yesterday its system for online driver's license and Guam ID renewals and replacements.

"The Department of Revenue and Taxation's ability to take technology and increase online access for our community will dramatically improve processing times and free our people from having to wait in lines to renew or replace their licenses and IDs," said Gov. Lou Leon Guerrero. "This latest technological advancement makes our government more efficient and empowers us to deliver services at the customer's convenience. This also enhances our efforts to contain the spread of COVID-19, and I encourage our community to take full advantage."

DRT has issued a frequently-asked-questions fact sheet for the Guam driver's license and Guam ID online services. DRT's online services for Guam Driver's Licenses and Guam IDs can be accessed at myid.guam.gov. ***(PR)***

CUC ADVISORIES

Scheduled emergency water service interruption for the areas of Airport Road Dandan, As Lito and portions of As Perdido and Koblerville

The Commonwealth Utilities Corp. would like to inform the public that there will be a scheduled emergency water service interruption today, Oct. 13, 2021, from 8:30am to 4:30pm for the areas of Airport Road Dandan, Chalan Monsignor Martinez Road from the Saipan International School intersection to Koblerville near the ABCD Market to include the Tottotville area.

The purpose of the emergency water interruption is to allow CUC's contractor to replace and repair the electrical cable wires for the submersible pumps at the Isley Booster 2 station located in Isley Field. Water services to the affected areas will resume soon after the repairs; however, please allow an hour or two for water to fully pressurize to the homes.

CUC appreciates the public's understanding during this emergency water interruption and will continue to provide reliable utility services to the CNMI.

CUC continues to work diligently to minimize any inconvenience to its customers. For more information, contact the CUC Hotline (236-4333) or monitor our Facebook page for the latest updates (https://www.facebook.com/CommonwealthUtilitiesCorporation/). ***(PR)***

Scheduled power service interruption on Friday, Oct. 15

The Commonwealth Utilities Corp. would like to inform the public that there will be a scheduled power service interruption on Friday, Oct. 15, 2021. The purpose of the interruption is to perform line clearing near the primary lines along Industrial Drive in Puerto Rico.

■ Outage Time: 9am–9:30 a.m. and 12:30pm–1:00pm.

■ Areas Affected: Puerto Rico Industrial Drive (Managaha Island Ferry Terminal, CNMI Division of Fish and Wildlife, Saipan Stevedore, Commonwealth Ports Authority, Division of Customs Service, Mobil Oil Marianas, Shell Marianas, US. Army Reserve (partial), and Marine Enforcement Facility [Marina]).

■ Circuit: Feeder 2

■ Water Well(s) Affected: None

■ Wastewater Facility Affected: None

Friday, Octo. 15, 2021

■ Outage Time: 9am–1pm.

■ Areas Affected: o Marine Enforcement Facility (Marina) and Smiling Cove Marina Area. See map.

■ Circuit: Feeder 2

■ Water Well(s) Affected: None

■ Wastewater Facility Affected: None

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IN THE SUPERIOR COURT OF THE COMMONWEALTH OF THE NORTHERN MARIANA ISLANDS

In the Matter of the Petition for the Adoption of:	)	FCD-AD CIVIL ACTION NO. 21-0357
M.A.B. Minor Children	)	**NOTICE OF HEARING**
By:	)	
Mary Ann Cabael and Alfredo J. Cabael Petitioner	)	

Notice is hereby given that the above-entitled matter is set for a hearing on October 13, 2021 at 9:00 am in Courtroom 217A before Associate Judge Teresa Kim-Tenorio.

Dated this 16th day of September, 2021.

Patrick V. Diaz
Clerk of Court

/s/ Deputy Clerk of Court

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PUBLIC NOTICE

Pursuant to Part 400 § 100-90-401[1] of the Northern Marianas Housing Corporation's (NMHC) Section 8 Administrative Plan for Rental Assistance Programs, this is to inform the general public that NMHC is opening its Section 8 Housing Choice Voucher Program's (HCVP) waitlist starting October 19, 2021. The waitlist will remain open until it reaches its maximum number of applicants. Interested families may pick up an application at the NMHC Main Office on Saipan or the Field Offices on Tinian and Rota, or visit our website at www.nmhcgov.net to download an application. Please submit your application in person at the NMHC Main Office on Saipan or the Field Offices on Tinian and Rota, from Monday through Friday (except holidays) between 8:00 am to 4:00 pm. NMHC is not accepting On-Line or Email submission of applications as of this time.

NMHC Main Office	**Monday – Friday**	**8:00 a.m. – 4:00 p.m.**
Tinian Field Office	**Monday – Friday**	**8:00 a.m. – 4:00 p.m.**
Rota Field Office	**Monday – Friday**	**8:00 a.m. – 4:00 p.m.**

NMHC Housing Specialists will review the applications and formally contact applicants to schedule an eligibility appointment. For more information, please contact NMHC at telephone numbers 234-6866 or 234-9446 (Saipan), 433-9213 (Tinian), or 532-9410 (Rota).

[1] NMHC shall issue a public notice advising the general public that applications for Section 8 are being accepted. The public notice shall contain the places, date(s), and time, application procedures and any limitations on who may apply and shall be published in a local newspaper of general circulation.

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CNMI GOVERNMENT

INVITATION TO BID
RFP NO.: DPW22-RFP-001

SUBMISSION DATE: November 16, 2021 TIME: 10:00 A.M.

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THE PROVISIONS OF THE CNMI PROCUREMENT REGULATIONS, NMIAC SECTION 70-30.3-725 AND 70-30.3-730 PROHIBITING GRATUITIES, KICKBACKS AND CONTINGENT FEES SHALL APPLY.

The RFP Package and Scope of Work is available on or after **October 13, 2021** at the Department of Public Works, Technical Services Division 2nd Floor, Oleai Joeten Commercial Center.

There will be a **Pre-Proposal Conference** for this project on **October 29, 2021**, 9:00 a.m. local time at the **Infrastructure and Recovery Program Conference Room, 2nd Floor, Horiguchi Building, Saipan**. The Prospective bidders are encouraged to familiarize themselves with the site. All question regarding this project must be submitted in writing no later than 4:30 p.m. local time on **November 08, 2021** to **Mr. Anthony A. Camacho, Director of Technical Services Division**, 2nd Floor, Oleai Joeten Commercial Center, Saipan or fax to (670) 234-3547. Response to questions shall be shared with prospective bidders.

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PUBLIC NOTICE

Pursuant to 1 CMC § 9910(a), the Seventeenth CNMI State Board of Education hereby gives notice that there will be a Special Board Meeting on Thursday, October 14, 2021 at 3:30 p.m. at the Kagman Elementary School Cafeteria, Kagman, Saipan via teleconference at meet.google.com/yev-euqp-xmc.

AGENDA[1]

I. Preliminary
- 1. Call to Order
- 2. Roll Call
- 4. Adoption of Agenda

II. Public Comments[2]

III. Unfinished Business
- 1. Internal Auditor JVA

IV. New Business
- 1. Teacher of the Year
- 2. Financial Status Report
  - a. Federal Funds
  - b. Local Funds
- 3. 2nd Incentive Pay
- 4. Education Month Proclamation
- 5. Education Day
- 6. Certification & Licensure Matters
  - a. CLO Report No. 2021-17-09

V. Executive Session[3]
- 1. Legal Updates
- 2. Personnel
- 3. Other matters

VI. Discussion of Agenda for next Board meeting

VII. Adjournment

[1] In the event that the items on the agenda are not completed, the meeting will recess and reconvene on the following day or at the most expeditious date and time determined by the Board.
[2] Pursuant to BOE Policy 0415, public comments are limited to 30 minutes. We ask that remarks be limited to 3 minutes each. Everyone is welcomed to submit written comments.
[3] Pursuant to 1 CMC § 9912, the Board may vote to meet in executive session at any time.

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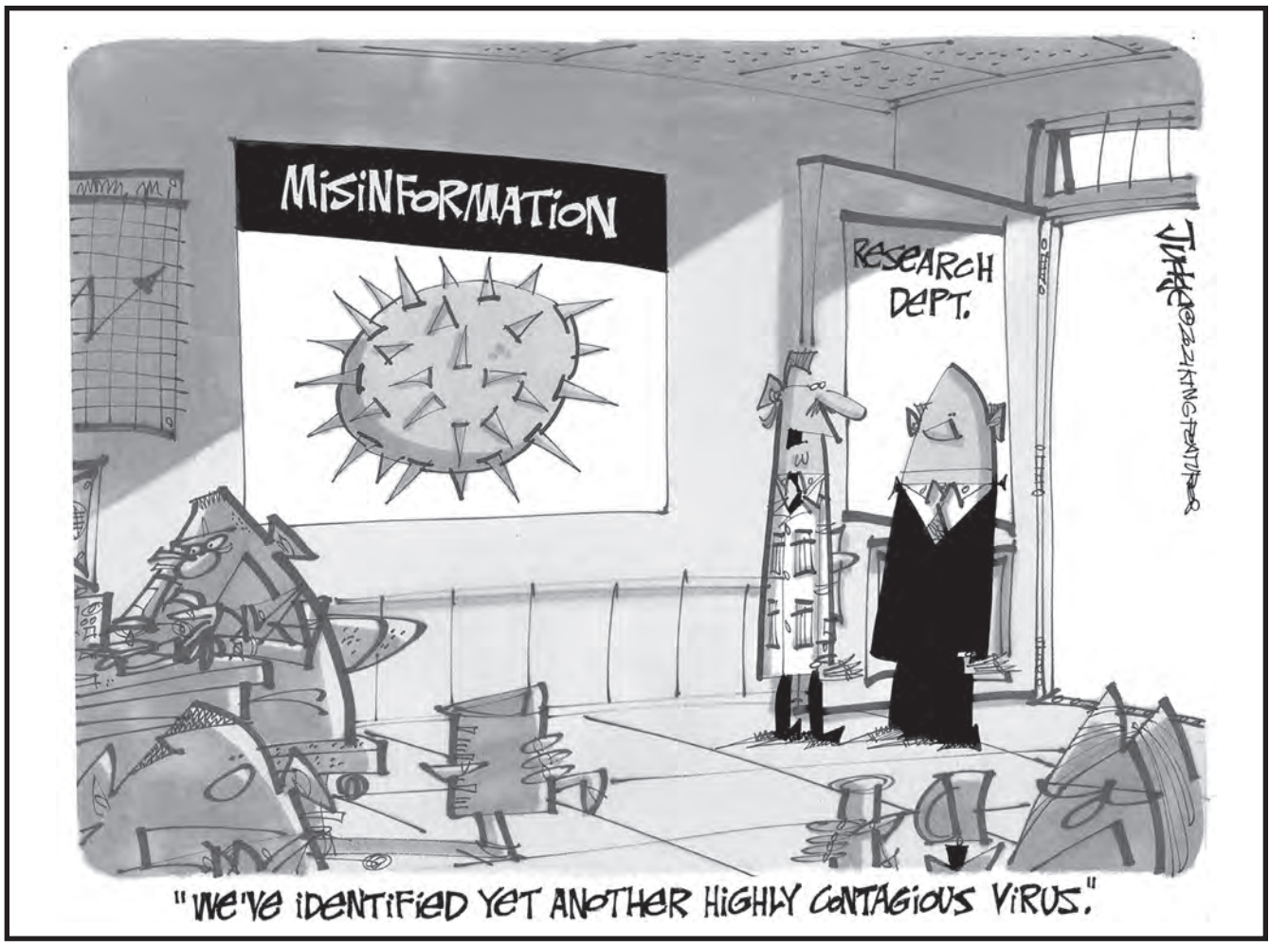

EDITORIAL

Allies of the people: Maria Ressa, Dmitry Muratov, and the Nobel Prize

In 2017 in Manila, then-President Donald Trump talked up his "great relationship" with Rodrigo Duterte, the Philippine strongman. Reporters present pressed Trump on whether he had pressed Duterte on his human rights violations, such as large-scale extrajudicial killings of thousands. Duterte brushed them off — and referred to journalists as "the spies" at the meeting. Trump chuckled.

In 2019, Trump and Russia's Vladimir Putin commiserated over a coterie of journalists. "Get rid of them. Fake news is a great term, isn't it? You don't have this problem in Russia but we do," said the American president. To which Putin responded, in English: "We also have. It's the same."

Ressa

There are grave consequences when a leader of the U.S., which ought to be a paragon of press freedom, abandons that role, throws in with dictators and demonizes the media as "the enemy of the people." When even an American president sympathizes with tyrants' attacks on civil society and free expression, it becomes a vexing challenge for journalists in those nations to galvanize the world in service of their cause.

Muratov

The Nobel Peace Prize, awarded to Maria Ressa and Dmitry Muratov, will serve as a healthy corrective. Ressa's Rappler news organization held Duterte to account through in-depth reporting; Duterte's regime has tormented her and it with 10 arrests over two years. Muratov is editor-in-chief of Novaya Gazeta, a newspaper critical of Putin's thuggish rule; six of its staff members have been killed since 1993.

From Riyadh to Hong Kong to Mexico City, journalists who in good faith seek to hold the powerful to account are in the crosshairs. They deserve not only the support of the Norwegian Nobel committee, but of America, but of Americans.

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Nobel winners found economic experiments in the real world

By SCOTT DUKE KOMINERS
Bloomberg Opinion

How can the impact of economic policies be measured? One solution is to look for what's called a "natural experiment," or a place where a policy's design—or possibly even nature itself—has created an implicit comparison between affected and unaffected groups.

For their efforts to refine the art of the natural experiment, David Card, Joshua D. Angrist and Guido W. Imbens were awarded this year's Nobel Memorial Prize in Economic Sciences.

Some of Card's work—which he undertook with the late Alan Krueger—led to a deeper understanding the impact of minimum-wage laws. Conventional economic wisdom suggested that raising the minimum wage could cause employment to fall, since it would both raise the cost of hiring workers and increase workers' competition for jobs. But it was hard to know whether that theory would hold up in practice—and if so, how big the effect would be.

Card and Krueger found a natural experiment thanks to the line separating New Jersey and Pennsylvania. Workers on either side of the border aren't that different from each other, except that those on the New Jersey side received a minimum wage increase.

Surprisingly, Card and Krueger found no sign that employment in New Jersey decreased relative to Pennsylvania. If anything, it grew. Their scholarship forced a fundamental rethinking of the impact of minimum wage policies, and kicked off a boom in research in labor economics that continues to this day. The work has reshaped policy, bolstering the argument that raising the minimum wage won't hurt employment.

Angrist, also working with Krueger, used a version of these methods to assess the impact of education on earnings. The two observed that laws mandating compulsory school attendance created a small disparity in the amount of time people who were in the same class year had to stay in school. Those born earlier in the year reached the age at which they could drop out before students born later in the year, which meant that on average those born earlier received a little bit less schooling.

Since a person's birthday typically isn't related to his or her earnings, the birthday-driven difference in educational attainment was random relative to earnings. Angrist and Krueger's analysis based on this insight led to an estimate of the returns of an additional year of schooling: a roughly 9% increase in pay for students who stayed in school.

Looking for implicit randomization that separates otherwise similar groups is incredibly powerful, but it is also limited by human behavior.

People don't always react to a policy change in the same way. To explain this, the Nobel committee used the example of a policy where employees of a company are given free bicycles. The policy will cause some employees to start biking—and they might see health benefits. But there are other employees who were already biking, and others who won't take up biking at all—and naturally, we don't expect to see any change in these employees' health outcomes. But then how can we learn about the health effects of the policy?

Imbens and Angrist identified a simple and intuitive statistical framework that makes it possible to estimate causal effects in these sorts of settings. They also clarified how we think about the effects themselves, showing that what we're measuring is the impact of the policy on those who adjust their behavior as a result of the policy change—in this case, those who take up biking.

The Nobel laureates and their collaborators applied these methods to greatly expand the application of natural experiments in economics. In doing so, they ushered in a new era of empirical economics. And they continue to push the frontiers to this day: Card's recent work has examined youth labor markets and the sources of earnings inequality. Angrist has researched the effect of Uber on the labor market. Imbens, in joint work with Susan Athey, has fundamentally reshaped our understanding of the relationship between econometrics and machine learning. Moreover, all three of the laureates are renowned advisers and teachers, (2) and have been tremendous servants to the profession.(1)

Taken together, this makes the trio well worthy of the Nobel—you might even call them "natural" candidates.

(1) I had the good luck to take Imbens's econometrics class when I was a graduate student, and can attest to his incredible teaching firsthand!

(2) Card is currently serving as President of the American Economic Association and Imbens is currently Editor-in-Chief of Econometrica, one of the top journals in the field. Angrist, meanwhile, has co-authored one of the best-known introductory econometrics textbooks.

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In defense of a do-almost-nothing Congress

By MATTHEW YGLESIAS
Bloomberg Opinion

No idea is more dearly held by political activists than the notion that voters will reward elected officials who enact an ambitious policy agenda. But it's entirely possible that what voters really want, especially in a time of political and social insecurity, is competence and stability.

Two of the most popular governors in America are Larry Hogan of Maryland and Charlie Baker of Massachusetts. Neither can be said to have a signature accomplishment or celebrated failure. In both cases, a Republican with moderate affect narrowly won a governor's race in a huge Republican wave year and then spent four years mostly checking the excesses of a Democratic legislature. For their trouble, they both won with landslide victories.

Conversely, Kansas has a Democratic governor because the state's Republican Party decided to enact supply-side economics. It was an unpopular disaster, and led to a backlash in an extremely red state. Something similar happened in Vermont in 2016, when Gov. Peter Shumlin made an ambitious push for single-payer health care. The legislature suffered sticker shock over the price tag, and a Republican got elected basically on a promise to not rock the boat too much. He then cruised to reelection and remains popular based on his competent handling of the COVID-19 pandemic.

Americans are just more complacent than activists on either side of the aisle want to believe.

Are parents mad about "woke" teachers injecting critical race theory into the classroom? Some of them, probably. But 73% of parents say they are satisfied with the education their children are receiving.

Or consider the U.S. health care system, which virtually every analyst on both the left and right says is wracked by huge irrationalities and inefficiencies. Most people are satisfied with the health insurance they have—whether from the public or private sector. Famously, a single national health insurance system polls very well until people learn it would involve eliminating private insurance or shifting health cost payments into the tax system. Indeed, Americans aren't even that bothered about the amount of taxes they pay—though woe betide anyone who tries to raise taxes on the middle class.

The mistake activists make is confusing an inchoate sense of public anger at the system with a desire for sweeping policy change. In reality, it probably goes the other way: Amid mass disillusionment with politics, voters are suspicious and fearful of change.

It's not a coincidence that the worst poll numbers of Donald Trump's presidency came when media attention was focused on his proposed changes to tax policy rather than his scandals or outlandish behavior. Nor is it a coincidence that former President Bill Clinton's approval ratings improved enormously once Republicans took control of Congress in 1994 and he was able to position himself as standing against their efforts to cut Medicare and Medicaid.

None of this is to say that it's never a good idea to try to change things. Creating Medicare and Medicaid in 1965 didn't win Democrats any votes in the 1966 midterms. But once the programs are in place, they are very difficult to dislodge—and those who try get punished.

House Speaker Nancy Pelosi's statement during the debate over the Affordable Care Act fight that "we have to pass the bill so that you can find out what's in it" was widely mocked at the time, and certainly didn't help Democrats in the 2010 midterms. But in the long run she was vindicated. Once the ACA had been in place for years, the public's basic aversion to change made it very difficult to repeal.

Even in countries such as Canada and the U.K., with a less clunky legislative process, it's unusual for the policy pendulum to fully swing back and forth. Margaret Thatcher didn't dismantle the National Health Service, nor did Tony Blair renationalize industry.

Of course, people generally get into politics because they want to change things. It's a risky pursuit, but it can also be quite rewarding. And an incumbent politician who accomplished literally nothing might have trouble cutting convincing reelection ads.

But it's a question of scale. Clinton was widely mocked by contemporaries (and his successor Barack Obama) for dedicating so much time to school uniforms, the v-chip and so on. But people really liked Clinton. The v-chip sought to address a widespread parental concern in a minimally disruptive way. It often doesn't take much to scratch the public's itch that something be done.

Which brings us to the presidency of Joe Biden. During the Democratic primaries, Biden was portrayed—accurately, mostly—as the safe, boring, electable choice. (If you wanted "big structural change" or a "political revolution," you favored another candidate). In the general election, Biden's main message was that he would be a steady and compassionate pair of hands to guide the country through the COVID-19 pandemic.

To much of the public, Biden fundamentally fulfilled his core campaign promise the day he took the oath of office—delivering an unremarkable speech full of patriotic bromides. That's true as far as it goes, but his campaign also had an actual policy agenda—and it was surprisingly sweeping and progressive.

Democrats' struggles this fall reflect the tension between these two promises of the Biden campaign. One is genuinely committed to trying to deliver major policy change—above all else on climate, which progressive elites care about enormously. The main sales pitch of the other promise was that the president would no longer tweet bizarre things.

The best way forward from here is for Democrats to make their strongest case for action on the merits, but recognize the political reality: When it comes to change, less is often more.

I'm quite attached to the idea, for example, of making the newly enhanced child tax credit permanent, which would greatly reduce child poverty. But the Democrats' proposal contains so much more than that—sliding-scale subsidies for child care, investments in preschool for three and four year-olds, a half-baked paid parental leave plan, a huge investment in at-home care services for Medicaid beneficiaries, and more generous subsidies for various Affordable Care Act programs.

These are all fine ideas, but are they really necessary if Democrats want to say they accomplished something? Each of them has its own constituency, and it would be painful for the party to break the news that it's not going to happen. But the public simply isn't demanding rapid advances on every policy front.

In the context of the current legislative battle, it would be better for Democrats to focus on the climate provisions, which are in many ways the motivating force for Democrats and are a distinct minority of the spending proposed in their $3.5 trillion budget package. The idea of pairing them with a few spoonfuls of sugar in the form of cheaper prescription drugs and dental and vision benefits for senior citizens makes a lot of sense. The sooner something is done, the sooner Biden can pivot to seeking the 21st-century equivalent of the v-chip.

Once you've got your most important idea and you most popular idea, how much more do you need?

Fairness is in the eye of the beholder. So be tolerant

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When exactly is something either fair or unfair? Whether the topic is taxation, pay and bonuses, government benefits, crime and punishment, or almost anything else, we just can't seem to agree.

The reason, it turns out, is that our intuitions about these matters are shaped not only by culture and upbringing but also by our individual natures. Fairness isn't an objective standard but a subjective cocktail of what social scientists call norms; and people embrace or reject these norms according to unique personality traits. That's the upshot of new research by Milan Andrejevic, Luke Smillie, Daniel Feuerriegel, William Turner, Simon Laham and Stefan Bode at the Melbourne School of Psychological Sciences in Australia.

To psychologists, personality is defined as a mixture of five traits: relative extroversion or introversion, openness to new ideas and experiences, agreeableness, conscientiousness and neuroticism (that is, a proclivity toward anxiety, crankiness and other negative emotions). That personality influences notions of fairness shouldn't be surprising. Previous research has already shown that it shapes our feelings about authority, loyalty, purity and much else—even our resilience when coping with lockdowns or other setbacks.

Perceptions of fairness break down into competing values. The norm of equality, for example, says that when people share, everyone should get the same. The norm of equity suggests that people should get what they deserve. That of reciprocity implies that they should receive roughly what they've given. That of generosity sees virtue in being more forthcoming than necessary, and so on.

Self-interest prejudices our minds as we tussle with these norms. For instance, whether we consider the marginal tax rate fair usually depends at least in part on the tax bracket we find ourselves in. But Andrejevic and his team were interested in the role of personality in shaping our sense of fairness — without the intrusion of self-interest.

So they designed a game. In round one, Person A was given $10 and told to share it with Person B. In round two, Person A became the receiver, and somebody else, Person C, decided how to share $10. Moreover, C was first told how A had shared in the first round.

An audience—members of which had taken personality tests—then judged how fair the sharing was. With no skin in the game, they could be assumed to be free of self-interest. They were then asked twice how moral an offer by C to A was—once before knowing how A had shared in round one, and again after being told. The judgments varied widely, but a pattern showed up.

Of the five traits, neuroticism played no noticeable role. But the other four did.

People who were more agreeable—trusting, helpful and kind—became especially indignant when they observed somebody sharing selfishly, by keeping $8, say, and giving away only $2. So were those who were more extroverted, open or conscientious. The same people were especially forthcoming with praise when they saw somebody sharing generously.

The same traits—agreeableness, extroversion, conscientiousness and openness—also predicted how the audience reacted to information about how selfishly, equitably or generously A had shared when he was the giver in the first round. People with these attributes were especially impressed with generosity shown to proven misers, and scathing about stinginess toward somebody they deemed magnanimous.

Now, extrapolate from this how our personality differences influence the thousands of other decisions we make, individually or collectively. Who should inherit how much wealth? Who should be incarcerated for which crime and how long? Who should be rewarded and feted for which achievement and how much?

An extrovert and an introvert, or a conscientious and a disorganized person, will probably disagree on these matters; as will somebody with an open and curious mind and somebody else who's a bit more reluctant to try new things. It's not yet clear why these traits should lead to different sensibilities. But it's clear that they do.

The real insight here is that none of us has dibs on moral authority, so it behooves all of us to keep listening to one another, patiently and tolerantly. Because we're different, we'll never agree on what's fair. We're destined to keep arguing about and searching for justice forever.

The Weather

5-DAY FORECAST FOR SAIPAN AND TINIAN

TODAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY	SUNDAY
Mostly cloudy with scattered showers and isolated thunderstorms. East winds 10 to 15 mph. Highs near 87. Chance of showers 40 percent.	Mostly cloudy with scattered showers and isolated thunderstorms. Lows in the upper 70s. Highs in the upper 80s. Chance of showers 40 percent.	Mostly cloudy with scattered showers and isolated thunderstorms. Lows in the upper 70s. Highs in the upper 80s. Chance of showers 40 percent.	Mostly cloudy with scattered showers and isolated thunderstorms. Lows in the upper 70s. Highs in the upper 80s. Chance of showers 40 percent.	Mostly cloudy with isolated showers and thunderstorms. Highs in the upper 80s. Lows in the upper 70s. Chance of showers 20 percent.
87º / 77º	80º / 70º	80º / 70º	80º / 70º	80º / 70º

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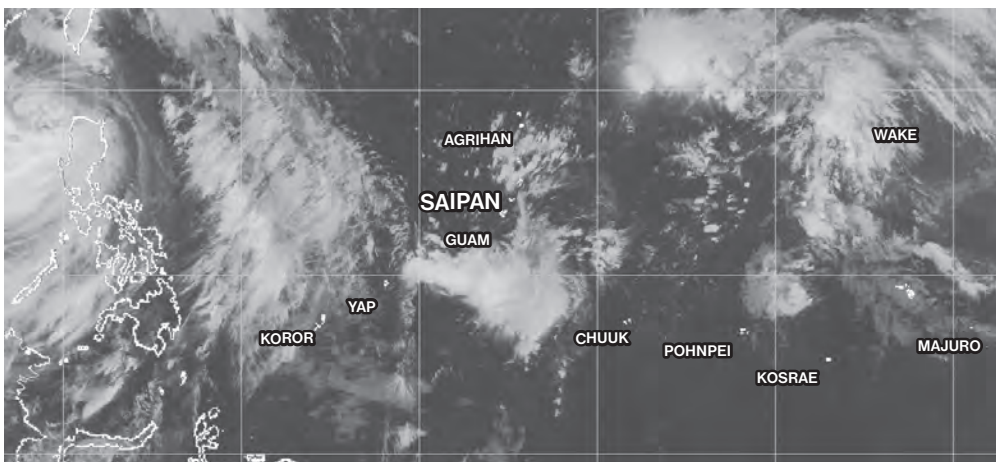

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Western North Pacific between equator and 25N from 130E to 180.

Guam Doppler weather radar shows scattered showers moving through the Marianas Waters, with the highest concentration of showers to the south and southeast. The Ipan buoy reveals combined seas of 3 to 5 feet, which does not show the west swell. The GFSWave Tabular Data shows this swell is diminishing, trending down from 5 feet to 4 feet today. Altimetry shows combined seas are around 6 to 8 feet, which fits with both of these figures.

Satellite image and accompanying information are provided by the National Weather Service. For an updated weather forecast, visit the National Weather Service Guam homepage: www.prh.noaa.gov/guam/

STOP THE SPREAD

The Governor's COVID-19 Task Force and Commonwealth Healthcare Corp. continue to encourage residents within the Marianas to practice social distancing, which means avoiding close contact with people in order to avoid catching the virus yourself and to avoid passing it on to others.

■ Stay home as much as possible. Avoid unnecessary travel or public places.

■ Avoid social gatherings in groups of more than 10.

■ Choose drive-thru, take-out, or delivery options, or outdoor seating, if available, when dining in.

■ Send only one healthy adult from the household run necessary errands, such as getting groceries or picking up medications. Leave children, elderly, and other vulnerable people at home as much as possible. When returning home from an errand, wash your hands before doing anything else.

■ Older adults and people with chronic medical conditions are at higher risk of getting very sick from this illness. People at high risk should stay at home as much as possible.

■ Create a household plan of action, https://www.cdc.gov/coronavirus/2019-ncov/prepare/checklisthousehold-ready.html

■ Ensure a 30-day supply of all medicines.

Continue good hand hygiene

■ Wash your hands for at least 20 seconds with soap and water, avoid touching your face, cover coughs and sneezes with a tissue or your sleeve.

■ Use an alcohol-based hand sanitizer if soap and water are not readily available.

Know the signs and symptoms of COVID-19 and what to do if you become symptomatic

■ Stay home when you are sick and if you recently traveled to a place with COVID-19. Self-quarantine means:

• Choosing a room in your house that can be used to separate sick household members from others.

• Washing your hands often with soap and water for at least 20 seconds. If soap and water are not available, use an alcohol-based hand sanitizer.

• Avoiding touching your eyes, nose, and mouth with unwashed hands.

• Limiting visitors

CHCC appreciates the patience and understanding of the community at this time. To obtain general information about the CNMI COVID-19 response, contact the Governor's COVID-19 Task Force Hotline at 287-0046, 287-0489, 287-1089. These numbers are available Monday to Sunday, 7:30am - 4:30pm.

For medical information about COVID-19, reach out to the COVID-19 Infoline at the following numbers: 285-1672/1352. These numbers are available Monday to Friday, 7:30am - 4:30pm.

For mental health support and helpful tips during a crisis, call the Mental Health Support Line at 285-1856, 323-6560, 323-6561 These numbers are available Monday to Friday, 7:30am - 4:30 pm. For the 24/7 Disaster Distress Helpline, call SAMSHA at 1-800-985-5990.

For more information about DIY face coverings, visit https://www.cdc.gov/coronavirus/2019-ncov/prevent-getting-sick/cloth-face-cover.html

For more information about CHCC programs, follow CHCC on Facebook, Instagram, Twitter at @cnmichcc, check out our website at www.chcc.gov.mp or call us at (670) 234-8950.

For more information on the Governor's COVID-19 Task Force, visit www.governor.gov.mpand, follow @GovernorCNMI on Facebook, Instagram, and Twitter.

This health advisory may be found online at http://www.chcc.gov.mp/pressrelease.html and at www.governor.gov.mp/covid-19.

Rumor control

During crises like this, oftentimes the spread of misinformation is just as dangerous as the virus itself. The CNMI is reminded to only share official and verified notices, press releases, and advisories from the Governor's COVID-19 Task Force and CHCC.

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Chuuk	Partly Cloudy	91 / 80 °F
Pohnpei	Partly Cloudy	92 / 78 °F
Kosrae	Partly Cloudy	87 / 80 °F
Majuro	Cloudy	86 / 81 °F

DAY	SUNRISE	SUNSET
Today	6:08 AM	5:58PM
Thursday	6:08 AM	5:57 PM
Friday	6:08 AM	5:56 PM
Saturday	6:08 AM	5:56 PM
Sunday	6:08 AM	5:56 PM

DAY	MOONRISE	MOONSET	MOONRISE
Today	12:47	-	-
Thursday	-	12:14 AM	1:43 PM
Friday	-	1:14 AM	2:32 PM
Saturday	-	2:12 AM	3:17 PM
Sunday	-	3:06 AM	3:57 PM

AROUND THE GLOBE	▲ ▼ °F	
Auckland	Partly Cloudy/Wind	62 / 54 °F
Beijing	Fair	68 /48 °F
Hong Kong	Fair	81 / 75 °F
Honolulu	Partly Cloudy	78 / 76 °F
London	Partly Cloudy	59/ 47 °F
Los Angeles	Mostly Cloudy	64 / 50 °F
Manila	Light Rain Shower	85 / 78 °F
Melbourne	Partly Cloudy	70 / 51 °F
Miami	Clear	80 / 76 °F
New York	Fair	65 / 63 °F
Osaka	Mostly Cloudy	84 / 71 °F
Paris	Clear	61 / 45 °F
Busan	Cloudy	73 / 67 °F
Rome	Clear	71 / 50 °F
Salem	Clear	67 / 62 °F
San Francisco	Clear	59 / 51 °F
Seoul	Cloudy	71 / 56 °F
Tokyo	Cloudy	71 / 64 °F
Washington, DC	Cloudy	68 / 63 °F

TIDES: SAIPAN HARBOR TODAY	FEET	
7:06 AM	Low Tide	-0.21
3:04 AM	High Tide	1.77
8:30 PM	Low Tide	1.31
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FLIGHT SCHEDULE AS OF OCTOBER 5, 2021

DEPARTURES

SAIPAN-GUAM (GUM)

UA117	6:45am	7:25am	1, 3, 6
UA117	9:45am	10:25am	2, 4, 5, 7

GUAM-MANILA (MNL)

UA183	7:05pm	8:50pm	2, 5
UA183	7:25pm	9:10pm	1, 3, 4, 6, 7

SAIPAN-MANILA (MNL)

UA117/183	6:45am	9:10pm	1, 3, 6 via Guam
UA117/183	9:45am	8:50pm	2, 5 via Guam
UA117/183	9:45am	9:10pm	4, 7 via Guam

SAIPAN-INCHEON (ICN)

7C3406	3:10PM	6:55PM	6
TW9308	3:20PM	8:00PM	4
OZ6243	4:00PM	7:40PM	6

ARRIVALS

GUAM (GUM)-SAIPAN

UA174	5:00am	5:41am	1, 3, 6
UA174	8:00am	8:41am	2, 4, 5, 7

MANILA (MNL)-GUAM

UA184	9:50pm	3:55am+1	2, 5
UA184	10:25pm	4:30am+1	1, 3, 4, 6, 7

MANILA (MNL)-SAIPAN

UA184/174	9:50pm	5:41am+1	2, 5 via Guam
UA184/174	10:25pm	5:41am+1	7 via Guam
UA184/174	10:25pm	8:41am+1	1, 3, 4, 6 via Guam

INCHEON (ICN)-SAIPAN

7C3405	8:30AM	2:10PM	6
OZ6233	9:00AM	2:30PM	6
TW9307	10:00AM	2:20PM	4

LEGEND: Days: Monday (1), Tuesday (2), Wednesday (3), Thursday (4), Friday (5), Saturday (6) and Sunday (7); UA United Airlines • ETD: Estimated Time of Departure; ETA: Estimated Time of Arrival. *(The Saipan Tribune is not responsible for any changes in the schedule.)*

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FLIGHT SCHEDULE AS OF MAY 18, 2021

SAIPAN TO ROTA

FLIGHT #	DEPARTURE	ARRIVAL	FREQUENCY
1301	8:30AM	9:00AM	Daily
1302	11:00AM	11:30AM	Daily
1303	1:30PM	2:00PM	Tues/Wed/Thurs/Fri
1304	3:30PM	4:00PM	Daily

ROTA TO SAIPAN

FLIGHT #	DEPARTURE	ARRIVAL	FREQUENCY
3101	9:30AM	10:00AM	Daily
3102	12:00AM	12:30AM	Daily
3103	1:30PM	3:00PM	Tues/Wed/Thurs/Fri
3104	4:30PM	5:00PM	Daily

ROTA TO GUAM

FLIGHT #	DEPARTURE	ARRIVAL	FREQUENCY
3401	12:15	12:45	Temporarily Unavailable

GUAM TO ROTA

FLIGHT #	DEPARTURE	ARRIVAL	FREQUENCY
4301	13:00	13:30	Temporarily Unavailable

SAIPAN TO TINIAN

FLIGHT #	DEPARTURE	ARRIVAL	FREQUENCY
1201	7:00	7:15	Temporarily Unavailable
1202	8:00	8:15	Daily
1203	9:00	9:15	Daily
1204	10:00	10:15	Daily
1205	11:00	11:15	Daily
1206	12:00	12:15	Temporarily Unavailable
1207	13:00	13:15	Temporarily Unavailable
1208	14:00	14:15	Daily
1209	15:00	15:15	Daily
1210	16:00	16:15	Daily
1211	17:00	17:15	Daily
1212	17:00	17:15	Temporarily Unavailable

TINIAN TO SAIPAN

FLIGHT #	DEPARTURE	ARRIVAL	FREQUENCY
2101	7:30	7:45	Temporarily Unavailable
2102	8:30	8:45	Daily
2103	9:30	9:45	Daily
2104	10:30	10:45	Daily
2105	11:30	11:45	Daily
2106	12:30	12:45	Temporarily Unavailable
2107	13:30	13:45	Temporarily Unavailable
2108	14:30	14:45	Daily
2109	15:30	15:45	Daily
2110	16:30	16:45	Daily
2111	17:30	17:45	Daily
2112	18:30	18:45	Temporarily Unavailable

Business

More than 130 countries reach deal on corporate minimum tax

FRANKFURT, Germany (AP)—More than 130 countries have agreed on sweeping changes to how big global companies are taxed, including a 15% minimum corporate rate designed to deter multinationals from stashing profits in low-tax countries.

The deal announced Friday is an attempt to address the ways globalization and digitalization have changed the world economy. It would allow countries to tax some of the earnings of companies located elsewhere that make money through online retailing, web advertising and other activities.

U.S. President Joe Biden has been one of the driving forces behind the agreement as governments around the world seek to boost revenue following the COVID-19 pandemic.

The agreement among 136 countries representing 90% of the global economy was announced by the Paris-based Organization for Cooperation and Economic Development, which hosted the talks that led to it. The OECD said that the minimum tax would reap some $150 billion for governments.

"Today's agreement represents a once-in-a-generation accomplishment for economic diplomacy," U.S. Treasury Secretary Janet Yellen said in a statement. She said it would end a "race to the bottom" in which countries outbid each other with lower tax rates.

"Rather than competing on our ability to offer low corporate rates," she said, "America will now compete on the skills of our workers and our capacity to innovate, which is a race we can win."

The deal faces several hurdles before it can take effect. U.S. approval of related tax legislation proposed by Biden will be key, especially since the U.S. is home to many of the biggest multinational companies. A rejection by Congress would cast uncertainty over the entire project.

The big U.S. tech companies like Google and Amazon have supported the OECD negotiations. One reason is that countries would agree to withdraw individual digital services taxes they have imposed on them in return for the right to tax a part of their earnings under the global scheme.

That means the companies would deal with just the one international tax regime, not a multitude of different ones depending on the country.

Tom Yum Restaurant cook Somsaat and owner Phannee Regan welcome everyone to their Thai lunch buffet served fresh every day.
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Tom Yum Restaurant also offers party pack meals good for three to four persons for only $20.
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Tom Yum Restaurant's lunch buffet is back

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Your favorite Thai lunch buffet at Tom Yum Restaurant along Middle Road in Garapan is back due to popular demand.

Restaurant owner Phannee Regan finally heeded the many requests after over a year of just serving ala carte meals due to COVID-19 concerns.

"We resumed our Thai lunch buffet early this month. It was very exciting to see people walk in and get surprised, 'Hey, your buffet is back!' People have been asking us when will we bring back the lunch buffet. After more than one year, and following 'Green' level protocols set by the COVID-19 Task Force, we gave it a go," she said.

Tom Yum Restaurant is located at the ground floor of Paradise Hotel in Garapan across the Commonwealth Healthcare Corp.
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The all-Thai food offering at the buffet starts with the soup, followed by a variety of dishes, and ending with Thai dessert. "We always have six dishes prepared every day, so it is fresh and people will not get tired having the same thing," Regan said.

Tom Yum Restaurant opened shop in 2019 with their signature Thai lunch buffet. Since the restaurant is located in Garapan, they attract residents as well as office and hospital workers who are craving for authentic Thai food.

"Aside from the taste and flavors of our dishes, our Thai lunch buffet is only $15 with free iced tea and, since it's a buffet, customers are given flexibility. We also have a balanced selection: We have vegetables, meat and seafood," Regan said.

Their most popular dish so far is their creamy Tom Yum soup. "I believe this was first served at our restaurant. It hits the mark, especially when it is raining outside, which has been the weather lately. Just the soup provides energy for anyone who has a lot of work ahead after lunch," Regan added.

On top of Thai dishes, Tom Yum also serves American, Italian, and Chamorro dishes. "Since we open at 10am and close at 10pm, we serve breakfast, lunch, and dinner. For breakfast, we have American breakfast that includes one eggs, two link sausages, bacon and two pancakes or hash brown for only $11. To entice local tastes, our islander breakfast is a hit because it comes with ham, fried rice, two eggs, and a choice of bacon, link, or Portuguese sausages or Spam, also only $11," Regan said.

"For main dishes, people still gravitate toward getting our loco moco, which is packed with rice, thick and tasty burger patty topped with fried egg. We also serve steak, salmon and chicken dishes," Regan added.

Tom Yum Restaurant's Thai lunch buffet is available from Monday to Sunday, from 11am to 2pm. Dine in and take-out are also available. For more information, call (670) 488-2963 or (670) 285-5943. They welcome orders through their Facebook page: Tom Yum Restaurant Saipan.

3 US-based economists win Nobel for research on wages, jobs

STOCKHOLM (AP)—A U.S.-based economist won the Nobel prize in economics Monday for pioneering research that transformed widely held ideas about the labor force, showing how an increase in the minimum wage doesn't hinder hiring and immigrants don't lower pay for native-born workers. Two others shared the award for developing ways to study these types of societal issues.

Canadian-born David Card of the University of California, Berkeley, was awarded half of the prize for his research on how the minimum wage, immigration and education affect the labor market.

The other half was shared by Joshua Angrist of the Massachusetts Institute of Technology and Dutch-born Guido Imbens of Stanford University for their framework for studying issues that can't rely on traditional scientific methods.

The Royal Swedish Academy of Sciences said the three "completely reshaped empirical work in the economic sciences."

Together, they helped rapidly expand the use of "natural experiments," or studies based on observing real-world data. Such research made economics more applicable to everyday life, provided policymakers with actual evidence on the outcomes of policies, and in time spawned a more popular approach to economics epitomized by the blockbuster bestseller "Freakonomics," by Stephen Dubner and Steven Levitt.

In a study published in 1993, Card looked at what happened to jobs at Burger King, KFC, Wendy's and Roy Rogers when New Jersey raised its minimum wage from $4.25 to $5.05, using restaurants in bordering eastern Pennsylvania as the control—or comparison—group. Contrary to previous studies, he and his late research partner Alan Krueger found that an increase in the minimum wage had no effect on the number of employees.

Card and Krueger's research fundamentally altered economists' views of such policies. As noted by the Economist magazine, in 1992 a survey of the American Economic Association's members found that 79% agreed that a minimum wage law increased unemployment among younger and lower-skilled workers. Those views were largely based on traditional economic notions of supply and demand: If you raise the price of something, you get less of it.

By 2000, however, just 46% of the AEA's members said minimum wage laws increase unemployment, largely because of Card and Krueger.

Their findings sparked interest in further research into why a higher minimum wouldn't reduce employment. One conclusion was that companies are able to pass on the cost of higher wages to customers by raising prices. In other cases, if a company is a major employer in a particular area, it may be able to keep wages particularly low, so that it could afford to pay a higher minimum, when required to do so, without cutting jobs. The higher pay would also attract more applicants, boosting labor supply.

Nation

California coronavirus death count tops 70,000 as cases fall

SACRAMENTO, Calif. (AP)—California's coronavirus death toll reached another once-unfathomable milestone—70,000 people—on Monday as the state emerges from the latest infection surge with the lowest rate of new cases among all states.

Last year at this time, cases in the state started ticking up and by January California was in the throes of the worst spike of the pandemic and was the nation's epicenter for the virus. Daily deaths approached 700.

The latest surge started in summer and was driven by the delta variant that primarily targeted the unvaccinated. At its worst during this spike, California's average daily death count was in the low 100s.

Data collected by Johns Hopkins University showed the state with 70,132 deaths by midday Monday. It's the most in the nation, surpassing Texas by about 3,000 and Florida by 13,000, although California's per capita fatality rate of 177 per 100,000 people is well below the overall U.S. rate of 214.

"There's very little if anything ever to compare that to," Dr. Mark Ghaly, California's health secretary, said of the level of deaths.

"Take a moment of silence and reflection on what that's meant for Californians," he said. "Families that have lost more than one family member, key breadwinners, people who couldn't protect themselves."

The most populous state is in a much better situation as it enters the colder months this year. It has been a national leader in vaccinations while others who survived the virus acquired a natural immunity that also helps prevent severe illness and death.

Even if there is a new surge, "the level of life-altering behaviors may be different this time around than we saw last winter," Ghaly told The Associated Press.

He does not expect California to lock down as it did last year with business closures, social distancing requirements and capacity restrictions.

"That is not what we're talking about," he said. "I think vaccines plus masks in certain (indoor) settings is going to be a significant support of us getting through anything that COVID throws at us in the future."

A year ago, "there were all these debates, should we have Halloween vs. no Halloween," said Dr. Monica Gandhi, an infectious disease expert at the University of California, San Francisco. "I think this winter is going to be a lot better than last winter, especially in California."

More than 70% of Californians are now fully vaccinated and another 8% partially so, she noted. That compares to about one-third who had antibodies against the coronavirus in February, before the rollout of vaccines and as California was recovering from a surge that strained hospitals to the breaking point.

Marm Kilpatrick, an infectious disease expert at the University of California, Santa Cruz, projects that the current level of immunity is still too low to avert another surge, particularly because people are tired of safety precautions.

At least 2 dead in California plane crash that burned homes

SANTEE, Calif. (AP)—A small plane crashed in a densely populated San Diego suburb Monday, killing at least two people, including a UPS driver, and leaving a trail of destruction that sent neighbors scrambling to help neighbors. At least two others were injured.

Witnesses described a retired couple being rescued from one of two homes that were destroyed in Santee, a largely residential suburb of 50,000 people. Ten other homes were damaged.

Several vehicles, including a UPS delivery truck, were also torched.

"Not to be too graphic, but it's a pretty brutal scene," Justin Matsushita, Santee's deputy fire chief, said as firefighters searched the smoldering ruins.

Fire crews work the scene of a small plane crash, Monday, Oct. 11, 2021, in Santee, Calif. AP

United Parcel Service of America Inc. confirmed one of its workers died.

"We are heartbroken by the loss of our employee, and extend our deepest condolences to his family and friends," the company said. "We also send our condolences for the other individuals who are involved in this incident, and their families and friends."

The condition of the two injured wasn't immediately known.

Michael Keeley 43, ran barefoot outside when his home shook. He saw the UPS truck in flames and found two neighbors at a burning home calling through an open window.

With thick smoke inside the neighbors' home and flames licking the roof, Keeley stood on a rock and reached through to grab the woman's arm and help her climb out of the window. Her forearms were burned, and her hair was singed.

"She kept saying, 'My puppy, my puppy,'" Keeley said.

Moments later, there were explosions inside the home. Neighbors knocked out fencing to rescue the woman's husband from the backyard.

"I'm glad I didn't have to go inside with my bare feet," said Keeley, a probation officer.

Andrew Pelloth, 30, was working from home when he heard a whirring and then a huge boom.

"My initial thought was that it was a meteorite coming down," he said. "I could hear it falling and then some kind of explosion."

Pelloth lives across the street from the retired couple and saw the house and the delivery truck engulfed in flames. Mangled ruins of vehicles were in the couple's driveway.

Erik Huppert, 57, rushed to the couple's home after his house shook. He joined Pelloth to pull boards off the fence to save the husband, who was walking in the backyard.

The woman and her husband were burned on their arms but were still able to walk and talk, Pelloth said.

"Both were definitely in shock, but at least they were alive," said Huppert, a military contractor.

Report: Offshore wind supply chain worth $109B over 10 years

ATLANTIC CITY, N.J. (AP)—A group studying the economics of offshore wind energy in the U.S. says building and operating the nascent industry will be worth $109 billion to businesses in its supply chain over the next 10 years.

The report by the Special Initiative on Offshore Wind comes as states on both coasts and the Gulf of Mexico are moving to enter or expand their role in the industry, and are making crucial decisions on what to spend and where to spend it.

Multiple states, including New Jersey, want to become the hub of the supply chain that will support offshore wind energy in the U.S., planning and building onshore support sites for manufacturing turbine blades and other components of wind power.

The group, affiliated with the University of Delaware, estimated the market at $70 billion just two years ago, but updated its estimates as the industry continues to grow quickly.

One caveat: the report notes that most of the initial components to be used for U.S. offshore wind projects will come from Europe. It does not attempt to predict when or where a shift might occur.

The U.S. has set a goal of generating 30 gigawatts of power from offshore wind by 2030—enough to power over 10 million homes.

Supply chain spending is already happening.

On Friday, Orsted and Eversource signed an $86 million supply chain contract with Riggs Distler & Company, Inc. to build foundation components for wind turbines for New York's Sunrise Wind project off Montauk Point on Long Island that will be able to power 600,000 homes.

In August, those two companies also signed a deal with Kiewit Offshore Services for the first American-built offshore wind substation, which will be a part of the same Long Island project. The substation will be constructed in Ingleside, Texas, near Corpus Christi.

"These investments have been a vision for a long time, but they are becoming a reality today," said Tory Mazzola, an Orsted spokesman.

ACROSS THE NATION

Strong earthquake strikes off coast of Hawaii

NAALEHU, Hawaii (AP)—A strong earthquake struck off the coast of the Big Island in Hawaii on Sunday, rattling residents and causing items to fall off shelves. The U.S. Geological Survey says the quake had a magnitude of 6.2 and struck about 17 miles (27 kilometers) south of Naalehu. The National Weather Service in Honolulu said there was no tsunami threat. At a gas station in Naalehu, the refrigerator display doors were opened by the shaking and items fell to the ground. No injuries were immediately reported.

High winds prompt PG&E to shut power to 25,000 in California

SAN FRANCISCO (AP)—Pacific Gas & Electric began shutting off power to about 25,000 customers in central and northern California Monday and Southern California Edison warned it may do the same for up to 9,000 of its customers as high winds toppled trees, downed power lines and ignited fires that forced people to flee from their homes. At least a half dozen mostly small fires broke out across the state, challenging firefighters as they tried to contain the blazes amid the blustering wind. West of Santa Barbara, authorities ordered the mandatory evacuation of campsites, cattle and horse ranches near Refugio State Beach and shut U.S. 101—the only highway along the coast—as winds pushed a fire that started in the Los Padres National Forest toward the beach, U.S. Forest Service spokesman Andrew Madsen said.

Texas governor orders ban on private company vaccine mandate

AUSTIN, Texas (AP)—Texas Gov. Greg Abbott issued an executive order Monday to prohibit any entity, including private business, from enforcing a COVID-19 vaccine mandate on workers and called on state lawmakers to pass a similar ban into law. The move comes as the Biden administration is set to issue rules requiring employers with more than 100 workers to be vaccinated or test weekly for the coronavirus. Several major companies, including Texas-based American Airlines and Southwest Airlines, have said they would abide by the federal mandate. "No entity in Texas can compel receipt of a COVID-19 vaccine by any individual, including an employee or a consumer, who objects to such vaccination for any reason of personal conscience, based on a religious belief, or for medical reasons, including prior recovery from COVID-19," Abbott wrote in his order.

Child, 6, dies in 'campfire' started in a play fort

GEISMAR, La. (AP)—Authorities say a 6-year-old boy died after he and two siblings, ages 9 and 4, were playing with fire in a "fort" made from a concrete stairway on a flatbed trailer. The children used a lighter Sunday afternoon to set fire to "a small pile of combustible objects as though it was a campfire," the State Fire Marshal's Office said in a news release Monday. They had covered a hollow prefabricated concrete stairway as their play fort. "While the other two children were able to escape unharmed, the 6-year-old was trapped and died," the statement said. When Geismar firefighters and Ascension Parish sheriff's deputies arrived, they found the flatbed and a cargo trailer and its contents ablaze. The boy's body was found under the cargo trailer's contents, the news release said.

World

WORLD BRIEFS

Russia's new COVID-19 infections, deaths near all-time highs

MOSCOW (AP)—Russia's daily coronavirus infections and deaths hovered near all-time highs Monday amid sluggish vaccination rates and the Kremlin's reluctance to toughen restrictions. Russia's state coronavirus task force reported 29,409 new confirmed cases—the highest number this year and just slightly lower than the pandemic record reached in December. After registering the highest daily death toll since the start of the pandemic at 968 over the weekend, Russia reported 957 new deaths on Monday. Russia already has Europe's highest death toll in the pandemic—more than 217,000, according to a government task force. The state statistics agency, which uses a different way of counting including when the virus wasn't considered the main cause of death, has reported about 418,000 deaths of people with COVID-19. A sharp rise in infections and deaths began last month with the government attributing it to a slow vaccination rate.

Moderna has no plans to share its COVID-19 vaccine recipe

ROME (AP)—Moderna has no plans to share the recipe for its COVID-19 vaccine because executives have concluded that scaling up the company's own production is the best way to increase the global supply, the company's chairman said Monday. In an interview with The Associated Press, Noubar Afeyan also reiterated a pledge Moderna made a year ago not to enforce patent infringement on anyone else making a coronavirus vaccine during the pandemic. "We didn't have to do that," Afeyan said. "We think that was the right, responsible thing to do." He added: "We want that to be helping the world." The United Nations health agency has pressed Moderna to share its vaccine formula. Afeyan said the company analyzed whether it would be better to share the messenger RNA technology and determined that it could expand production and deliver billions of additional doses in 2022.

UN chief: Afghanistan faces 'make-or-break moment'

UNITED NATIONS (AP)—Warning that Afghanistan is facing "a make-or-break moment," the United Nations chief on Monday urged the world to prevent the country's economy from collapsing. Secretary-General Antonio Guterres also appealed to the Taliban to stop breaking its promises to allow women to work and girls to have access to all levels of education. Eighty percent of Afghanistan's economy is informal, with women playing an overwhelming role, and "without them there is no way the Afghan economy and society will recover," he said. He said the U.N. is urgently appealing to countries to inject cash into the Afghan economy, which before the Taliban takeover in August was dependent on international aid that accounted for 75% of state spending.

Official says journalist's Nobel Prize not a slap on Duterte

MANILA, Philippines (AP)—Philippine President Rodrigo Duterte's administration belatedly congratulated journalist Maria Ressa Monday for being one of two winners of this year's Nobel Peace Prize in recognition of her fight for freedom of expression under grave risks. However, it rejected criticism that it was a slap on Duterte's administration despite Ressa being a critic of the president, who opponents say veers toward authoritarianism. Presidential spokesman Harry Roque said Ressa, the 58-year-old co-founder of the Rappler news website known for its probing reportage into Duterte's bloody anti-drug crackdown, has been convicted of cyber libel and faces other criminal charges which courts would independently decide on. Journalists were not being muzzled in the country, he said.

Kim vows to build 'invincible' military while slamming US

SEOUL, South Korea (AP)—North Korean leader Kim Jong Un reviewed a rare exhibition of weapons systems and vowed to build an "invincible" military, as he accused the United States of creating tensions and not taking action to prove it has no hostile intent toward the North, state media reported Tuesday. In an apparent continued effort to drive a wedge between Washington and Seoul, Kim also said his drive to build up his military isn't targeted at South Korea and that there shouldn't be another war pitting Korean people against each other. Kim gave the speech Monday at the "Defense Development Exhibition 'Self-Defense-2021'," an event meant to mark the previous day's 76th birthday of the ruling Workers' Party. South Korean media reported it was the first such event held by North Korea.

Myanmar's Suu Kyi pleads not guilty to breaking virus rules

BANGKOK (AP)—Ousted Myanmar leader Aung San Suu Kyi and former President Win Myint pleaded not guilty Monday to violating COVID-19 restrictions, their lawyers said, as the pair were formally indicted after the army seized power. Each was charged with two counts under the Disaster Management Act for failing to observe pandemic restrictions during last year's general election campaign. Each count carries a penalty of up to three years in prison. Suu Kyi's National League for Democracy party won last November's election in a landslide, but was unable to take a second five-year term in office when the military seized power on Feb. 1. Suu Kyi and leading members of her government and party remain under arrest.

Flooding sends bus into river in China; 120,000 evacuated

BEIJING (AP)—A bus fell into a river in northern China on Monday, leaving at least three people dead and 11 others missing after flooding from heavy rains destroyed homes and covered farmland. Video posted online showed people on top of an almost submerged bus in a rushing river flowing over a nearby bridge outside the city of Shijiazhuang, about 265 kilometers (165 miles) southwest of Beijing. Authorities in Hebei province said in a social media post that 37 of the 51 people on the bus had been rescued. State broadcaster CCTV said that three had died, and 11 were missing. In neighboring Shanxi province to the west, more than 120,000 people had been evacuated as thousands of houses collapsed and 190,000 hectares (470,000 acres) of crops were damaged, the official Xinhua News Agency said Sunday.

†MERCED PALACIOS AGULTO CAMACHO

Lovingly Known As Che

BORN TO LIFE: APRIL 30, 1951 | CALLED TO ETERNAL LIFE: OCTOBER 5, 2021

†MERCED AND AUGUSTIN CAMACHO'S Children

Augustin A. Jr. & Mariecris A. Camacho: Peter
Melissa A. Camacho: Zachary & Kate Aldan (Zander), Zasha & Kimo Olopai (Francisco Jerome), Zavannah, Zodeanna
Alvin A. Camacho: Deon, Katie, Alvin Jr., Khloe, Kayla, Ace
Marlene C. & George J. Cruz: Jeremiah, Trinity, Mercedes, Isabella, Isaiah
Alex A. & Yulia Camacho: Austin (Cresstin Francheska), Martin, Sophia
Michelle A. Camacho & Mitch C. Aaron, Jr. : Cassidy Jade, Justin Jermaine, Hailey, Madison

Parents:
†Guillermo Concepcion Agulto & †Martha Palacios Agulto

Siblings:
†Maria "Ruriko" and †Joaquin Ada
†Carmen P. Agulto
†Ignacio P. & Prudenciana S. Agulto and family
Francisco P. & †Gregoria Agulto and family
†Roman P. Agulto
†Jose P. & Carmen Agulto and family
†Daniel P. & Maria Agulto and family
†Margarita A. & Dennis Retan and family
†Maria A. & †Steve Stoll and family
†Dolores P. Agulto and family
†Guillermo P. Agulto, Jr.
†Jesus P. & Rita R. Agulto and family
Ana A. & Rick Taunton and family

Parents-In-Law:
†Jose C. and †Ana Camacho Babauta

Brothers and Sisters-In-Laws:
†Vicente P. Tudela and family
Al P. & †Fermina DLC Tudela and family
Maria Frica T. & Joseph I. Pangelinan and family
†Margarita P. Tudela and family
Serafin P. & Antonia S. Tudela and family
Galo P. & Anna O. Tudela and family

Caregiver: Maria Aguilla

She is also survived by numerous Godchildren, Nieces, Nephews and Friends

Daily Mass is being offered at the following Parishes:
San Roque, Santa Remedios, Mt. Carmel Cathedral, St. Jude, San Vicente and San Jose

Daily Rosary is being prayed at San Roque Parish at 5pm.

On Friday, October 15, 2021,
The deceased will arrive at Mount Carmel Cathedral at 8:30 am. Mass of Christian Burial will be celebrated at 11 a.m. followed by interment services at Mt. Carmel Cemetery.

Please join us in prayer. Thank you and Si Yu'us Ma'ase.

AUGUSTIN TUDELA CAMACHO AND CHILDREN

Good Housekeeping

Bedding and artwork incorporating a rich, citrus orange helps to add a sense of coziness to this children's bedroom.

HANDOUT/TNS

Make a splash with citrus colors

By CATHY HOBBS
TRIBUNE NEWS SERVICE

There's lemon and lime as well as orange. So-called citrus colors can add warmth and energy to nearly any space. Often, they will help instantly brighten and lighten, and can even help to mimic sunshine in dark spaces. Not sure how to introduce citrus colors into your home? Here are some top tips.

1 **Use yellow and yellow-based tones in spaces that receive little to no light. These colors can help mimic sunshine.**

2 Do mix citrus colors in the same space. Lemon and lime for example can be a fresh, clean color combination.

3 Pair citrus colors with colors with deep undertones such as black and charcoal to create an element of luxury.

4 **Use citrus as accent colors such as pillows, throws and accessories.**

5 **Consider using citrus colors in spaces where you want to create a sense of warmth and coziness.**

6 **Use tints, tones and shades of citrus if looking to create a more monochromatic color scheme.**

7 **Use pops of citrus colors to add energy and interest to neutral spaces.**

8 Bring citrus colors in unexpected ways such as artwork and textiles.

9 **Blend citrus colors together in spaces where you want to create a sense of whimsy such as a children's bedroom or family-friendly space.**

10 **Don't be afraid to incorporate citrus colors in various parts of your home from kid spaces to living rooms.**

Life & Style

Netflix backs Chappelle despite criticism over trans remarks

LOS ANGELES (AP)—A top Netflix executive said Dave Chappelle's special "The Closer" doesn't cross "the line on hate" and will remain on the streaming service despite fallout over the comedian's remarks about the transgender community.

In an internal memo, co-CEO Ted Sarandos told managers that "some talent" may join third parties in calling for the show's removal, adding, "which we are not going to do."

Netflix declined comment on the memo, which was reported Monday by Variety.

But the company responded to news reports it had suspended three employees, including one, Terra Field, who'd criticized Chappelle's special in tweets. Field identifies herself on Twitter as a senior software engineer at Netflix and as trans.

"It is absolutely untrue to say that we have suspended any employees for tweeting about this show. Our employees are encouraged to disagree openly and we support their right to do so," Netflix said in a statement.

Chapelle

According to a person familiar with the matter, the three employees joined a quarterly meeting for company directors and vice presidents without gaining authorization. The person, who wasn't authorized to discuss the situation publicly, said one worker was suspended as a result of an investigation.

What if any action was or might be taken against the other two workers was unknown.

Field didn't immediately respond to a request for comment. In her posts, she said that Chappelle was being criticized not because his comments are offensive but for the harm they do to the trans community, especially Black women.

Field included a list of trans and nonbinary men and women of color who she said had been killed, adding in each case that the victim "is not offended."

A representative for Chappelle didn't respond to a request for comment.

In a statement Monday, the media watchdog group GLAAD said that "anti-LGBTQ content" violates Netflix's policy to reject programs that incite hate or violence. GLAAD called on Netflix executives to "listen to LGBTQ employees, industry leaders, and audiences and commit to living up to their own standards."

Matt Amodio's new chapter in history-making 'Jeopardy!' run

NEW YORK (AP)—This story contains a spoiler about Monday's "Jeopardy!" episode.

Amodio

All good things must come to an end and Matt Amodio's historic run on "Jeopardy!" did just that on Monday's show, leaving the Yale doctoral student with 38 wins and more than $1.5 million in prize money.

Amodio failed to answer the Final Jeopardy! clue correctly and came third on Monday's show, his streak cut short by new champion Jonathan Fisher, an actor originally from Coral Gables, Florida.

Amodio finished No. 2 on the all-time consecutive wins list behind only Ken Jennings with 74 wins. He won a total of $1,518,601, which puts him third on the all-time non-tournament cash winnings list behind James Holzhauer ($2,462,216) and Jennings ($2,520,700).

"I know going into every bar trivia game that I play that I'm going to come in with a little intimidation factor. But also, I just like the badge that it represents. As somebody who prioritizes knowledge and knowing things, this is really a good one to have following me everywhere," Amodio, a fifth-year computer science Ph.D student at Yale University, said in a statement.

He became known for starting all of his questions with "What's..." instead of using suitable alternatives such as "Who is...," an unorthodox approach that made some longtime viewers groan.

But it was within the quiz show's rules and, as Amodio explained, helped him limit any "unnecessary moving parts" that might undermine his effectiveness.

What became known as the "Amodio Rodeo" proved a welcome distraction for the quiz show and its producer Sony Pictures Television, which saw its effort to replace its late and beloved host Alex Trebek founder.

Sony turned to guest hosts Mayim Bialik and Jennings after its original pick for the job, "Jeopardy!" executive producer Mike Richards, exited the show following the disclosure of his past disparaging podcasts remarks about women and others.

Sony has said it was resuming its search for a permanent host.

As Shatner heads toward the stars, visions of space collide

By TED ANTHONY
AP NATIONAL WRITER

"Risk is our business," James T. Kirk once said. "That's what this starship is all about. That's why we're aboard her."

More than a half-century later, the performer who breathed life into the fabled Enterprise captain is, at age 90, making that kind of risk his own business and heading toward the stars under dramatically different circumstances than his fictional counterpart. And in doing so, William Shatner is causing worlds to collide, or at least permitting parallel universes to coexist—the utopian spacefaring vision of "Star Trek" and the evolving, increasingly commercial spot that "space" holds in the American psyche.

When Shatner boards Jeff Bezos' Blue Origin NS-18 in Texas at around dawn Wednesday, his one small step into the craft creates one of the ultimate crossover stories of our era.

Shatner

It's about space and exploration, sure, and certainly about capitalism and billionaires and questions of economic equity. But it's also about popular culture and marketing and entertainment and nostalgia and hope and Manifest Destiny and, and, and … well, you get the idea.

"What will I see when I'm out there?" Shatner wondered last week, talking to Anderson Cooper on CNN. An equally valid question is this: What will WE see when he's out there?

It will be a complex blend of human dreams superimposed upon technology and hope, braggadocio and cash, and the notion that space travel elevates us—all orchestrated by a company under criticism for what some call the decidedly un-utopian, tech-bro ways that it operates.

Is all that and "Star Trek" a good fit?

THE WORLD OF `STAR TREK'

Since its 1966 premiere with one of the most diverse casts TV had ever seen, "Trek" has grown from Gene Roddenberry's fever dream of a "'Wagon Train' to the stars" into an intricate transmedia universe full of subtleties and traditions and rules.

Among them: Human beings avoid killing each other. Money is generally outdated, as are hunger and poverty. Greed is aberrant. Noninterference in other cultures is the most sacred principle of all. And within the United Federation of Planets, the spacefaring United Nations of "Star Trek," exploration, not domination, is the coin of the realm. In short, unlike a lot of humanity right now.

That 1966-69 original series used allegory to evade network censors and tell stories about racism and xenophobia and even the Vietnam War. How could they get away with all that? Because the adventures of Kirk's Enterprise took place against a backdrop of 23rd-century space travel—something directly relevant to the world as well, given that humans first set foot on the moon 47 days after the original series' final episode.

Over the next half century, backed by a vocal fan base, "Star Trek" roared back for more and, in the process, led the way in cementing space travel as an ideal canvas for relevant storytelling.

Even as NASA's Apollo era ebbed into the space shuttle program (where an early craft was named "Enterprise") and eventually into uncertainty, "Trek" remained one of the culture's central vehicles for a spacefaring future.

Kilt-wearing Scot endures repeated assaults

DEAR ABBY: I married a proud Scotsman a year ago who often wears kilts. When we go out, women think nothing of coming over and lifting his kilt, which exposes him to anyone who has a visual advantage. These women scream with glee and then become physically aggressive with their hands. Frankly, I am shocked and horrified anyone would do this.

The last time it happened a woman ripped his kilt off and the police became involved. Originally, the police were going to charge my husband with indecent exposure. After several hours, it became clear that it was the woman who assaulted my husband. The police then kinda laughed it off. They didn't plan on doing anything further. We were furious.

Why is there a double standard that women feel they can lift a man's kilt to expose him and call it fun, yet the same women would scream sexual assault if a man lifted their skirt? Women need to understand that lifting a man's kilt is sexual assault and should be treated as the crime it is. Now, every time a woman does it, we immediately call the police and report the crime. The perpetrators are then shocked and angry that they are being arrested for a sex crime for something they thought was innocent fun and games. Your column reaches many readers. With your help, we can help women understand that doing this is unacceptable.

DOUBLE STANDARD

DEAR DOUBLE: It is no more acceptable to lift a man's kilt "in the name of fun" than it would be to pull his trousers down. I hope any person reading this, who didn't have the common sense to know better, will take note and respect the personal space of Scotsmen and ALL individuals. (It beats finding one's name on a sex offender registry.)

DEAR ABBY: My parents did well financially. Mom passed away 20 years ago. My brother has always been unstable. He's a violent, abusive drug addict and a con artist. Dad was extremely ill during his last few years. My brother abused him, stole his meds, refused to support him and ordered Dad to get out of his life. So he did. Dad wrote my brother out of his will and left everything to me. My brother carries a weapon and, for my family's sake, I have cut contact. Distant family think I haven't been fair by separating myself from him and not splitting the inheritance. Am I wrong?

HEIRESS IN MISSOURI

DEAR HEIRESS: You are not "wrong"; you are intelligent and prudent. Your sibling has repeatedly demonstrated that he is nothing but trouble and he isn't going to change. You stated that the family members who are urging you be closer to an armed felon are "distant." If you are as smart as I think you are, you will ignore their bad advice and cease contact with them, too.

DEAR ABBY

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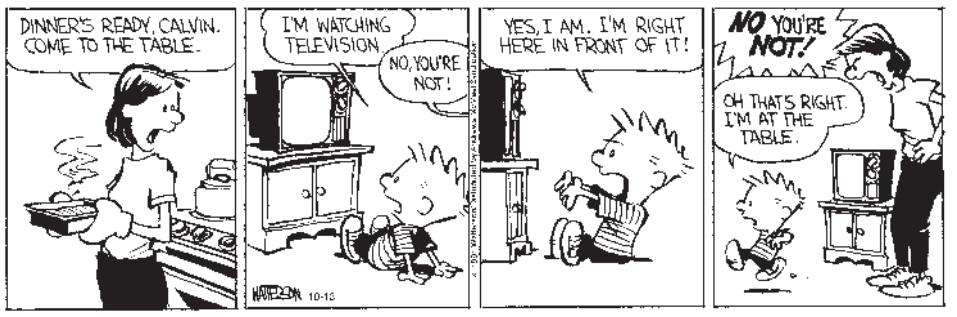
Pastimes

Calvin and Hobbes

By Bill Waterson


DINNER'S READY, CALVIN. COME TO THE TABLE.
I'M WATCHING TELEVISION.
NO, YOU'RE NOT!
YES, I AM. I'M RIGHT HERE IN FRONT OF IT!
NO YOU'RE NOT!
OH THAT'S RIGHT. I'M AT THE TABLE.

Garfield®

By Jim Davis

OKAY, ODIE...
I HAVE DEVISED AN ELABORATE ESCAPE PLAN...
WHICH WILL BE ACTIVATED IF WE HEAR JON SAY "TOFU," "EXERCISE" OR "ROMANTIC COMEDY"
JIM DAVIS 10-13

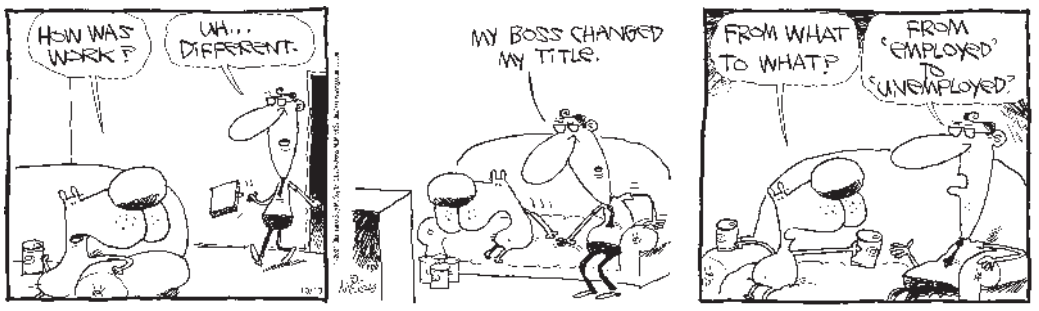
Adam@home

By Bryan Basset

WAIT. WHAT?
NICK SAID HIS FIRST WORD!
HE SAID "GUMBO" CLEAR AS DAY!
OKAY. LET'S BE 100% ON THIS...
YOU'RE SURE IT WASN'T "DADA" AND YOU JUST MISHEARD?
SORRY, POPS. HE ENUNCIATED AND EVERYTHING!

The Duplex

By Glenn McCoy



CROSSWORD

By Eugene Sheffer

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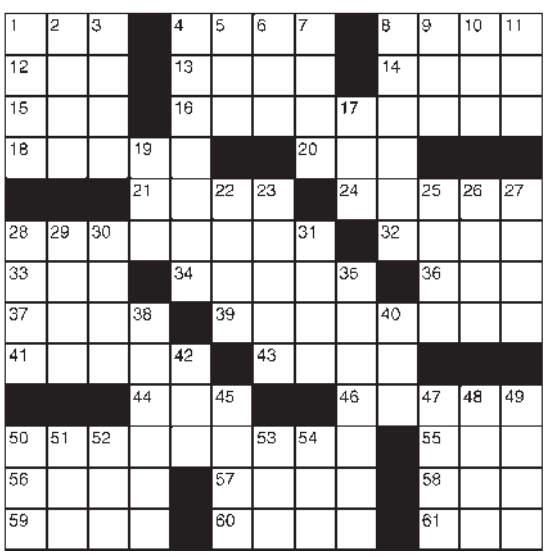

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CELEBRITIES BORN ON THIS DAY: Sacha Baron Cohen, 50; Kate Walsh, 54; Christopher Judge, 57; Marie Osmond, 62.

Happy Birthday: Explore the possibilities, be innovative and challenge yourself to think outside the box. Be open to suggestions and ready to make a move when an opportunity comes your way. Don't sit back, follow others or leave anything to chance. Trust in your instincts, and you will overcome doubt. Face situations head-on, and potential will rise to the surface and take over. Your numbers are 9, 13, 21, 24, 33, 37, 43.

ARIES (*March 21-April 19*): You aren't alone. You have more going for you than you realize. Step out of your comfort zone, and you'll recognize you have control. A partnership will be helpful when it comes to balance and contributions. Romance is on the rise. ✪✪✪✪

TAURUS (*April 20-May 20*): Keep your focus where it will help you most. Refuse to let emotions lead to poor decision-making or prolonged situations that will stand between you and what you desire. Uncertainty is the enemy, and being confident and consistent are your tickets to success. ✪✪

GEMINI (*May 21-June 20*): Head in the direction that excites you the most. Follow your heart and enjoy the ride. Expand your mind, and your options will escalate. Relay what you have to offer to people who can help you achieve your goal. ✪✪✪✪✪

CANCER (*June 21-July 22*): You'll be insightful but fearful. Inconsistency will be your downfall. Look for the path of least resistance, and you'll find it easier to plot your course of action. Don't limit what you can do; educate yourself and proceed with enthusiasm. ✪✪✪

LEO (*July 23-Aug. 22*): Pay attention to detail, rules and regulations. Stay focused on what you can contribute and get in return. Approach whatever you do with an open mind and reasonable expectations. Commit to whatever or whoever makes you feel at ease. ✪✪✪

VIRGO (*Aug. 23-Sept. 22*): Take better care of your home, family and health. Don't trust others to tell you the truth. Research diligently, and take matters into your own hands. Protect what you cherish, and make lifestyle changes that ensure a better future. ✪✪✪✪✪

LIBRA (*Sept. 23-Oct. 22*): Deal with domestic issues carefully. Control your temper, and set guidelines that are easy to follow. Showing discipline will encourage others to do the same. Look for balance, and offer positive suggestions. Change begins with you. Choose peace over chaos. ✪✪

SCORPIO (*Oct. 23-Nov. 21*): Live and learn. Let experience be your teacher, and put mistakes to rest. Focus on getting ahead and what you can accomplish instead of dwelling on someone or something you cannot change. Be creative, and proceed with optimism. ✪✪✪✪

SAGITTARIUS (*Nov. 22-Dec. 21*): Proceed by doing your job. Letting what others do influence you will slow you down and make you look bad. Focus on getting ahead to ensure you don't fall behind. Hard work will pay off. ✪✪✪

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CAPRICORN (*Dec. 22-Jan. 19*): Categorize your thoughts, and prioritize how you want to proceed. Once you have a to-do list, you'll find it easier to get down to business and finish what you start. Clear the path, and it will lift your spirits. ✪✪✪

AQUARIUS (*Jan. 20-Feb. 18*): Address issues that entail government agencies, institutions, and legal or financial matters before you take on something new. Add to your qualifications and physically make adjustments that will improve your health. Make a point to share your intentions with someone you love. ✪✪✪

PISCES (*Feb. 19-March 20*): Participate in events or activities that have a purpose. How you contribute to something meaningful to you will influence how others respond to you. Maintaining a good reputation will lead to an unexpected opportunity to do things differently. ✪✪✪

Birthday Baby: You are aggressive, intense and resourceful. You are fun-loving and competitive.

✪: Avoid conflicts; work behind the scenes. ✪✪: You can accomplish, but don't rely on others. ✪✪✪: Focus and you'll reach your goals. ✪✪✪✪: Aim high; start new projects. ✪✪✪✪✪: Nothing can stop you; go for gold.

SUDOKU

Conceptis Sudoku *By Dave Green*

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Sudoku is a number-placing puzzle based on a 9x9 grid with several given numbers. The object is to place the numbers 1 to 9 in the empty squares so that each row, each column and each 3x3 box contains the same number only once. The difficulty level of the Conceptis Sudoku increases from Monday to Saturday.

Yesterday's Answer

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WONDERWORD®

By DAVID OUELLET

HOW TO PLAY: All the words listed below appear in the puzzle — horizontally, vertically, diagonally and even backward. Find them, circle each letter of the word and strike it off the list. The leftover letters spell the **WONDERWORD.**

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Red Sox eliminate Rays 6-5 with late sac fly

BOSTON (AP)—Back in raucous Fenway Park for postseason baseball a year after a last-place finish, the Boston Red Sox are getting the bounces, knocking big hits in bunches and even benfiting from a little small ball.

Hardly a perfect team, even by their own estimation, Alex Cora and the wild-card Red Sox are four wins from a return to the World Series anyway.

Kiké Hernández delivered Boston's second straight walk-off win, scoring pinch-runner Danny Santana with a sacrifice fly in the ninth inning to send the Red Sox to the AL Championship Series with a 6-5 win over the Tampa Bay Rays on Monday night.

After winning Game 3 of their best-of-five AL Division Series on Sunday with Christian Vázquez's two-run homer in the 13th, Boston took Game 4 for its first set of back-to-back walk-off postseason wins since 2004 ALCS Games 4 and 5, both from David Ortiz against the Yankees.

"We always said we had a good baseball team that had some holes, and we still have some holes, but at the end, for how bad it looked sometimes, we're still here. We're still in the dance," Cora said.

Rafael Devers had a three-run home run off rookie Shane McClanahan to ignite a five-run third inning that put Boston in front 5-0. Tampa Bay battled back and tied it in the eighth.

The wild-card Red Sox will await the winner of the other ALDS matchup between the Houston Astros and Chicago White Sox. Houston leads 2-1 going into Game 4 in Chicago on Tuesday, a makeup of Monday's rainout.

"Since day one, you guys believed in this group," Cora told his players before setting off a bubbly clubhouse celebration.

Boston improved to 15-3 in potential clinching postseason games since 2004 and have won each of their last eight. It's their first under second-year chief baseball officer Chaim Bloom, who came over from the Rays before the 2020 season and promptly oversaw the unpopular trade of Mookie Betts.

With Cora rehired last offseason following a one-year suspension for his role in the Astros' cheating scandal, the retooled Red Sox are four games from the World Series a year after finishing last in the AL East.

The 2018 champs have needed a little luck. Vázquez's homer Sunday came half an inning after Tampa Bay missed out on the go-ahead run on a bizarre ground-rule double that bounced off right fielder Hunter Renfroe and over the outfield fence.

That all followed a Game 2 rout in which Boston slugged a franchise postseason-record five homers in a 14-6 drubbing. The Red Sox hit .341 as a team with nine homers and a .915 OPS in the series.

The Boston Red Sox celebrate after beating the Tampa Bay Rays on a sacrifice fly ball by Enrique Hernandez (5) during the ninth inning during Game 4 of a baseball American League Division Series, Monday, Oct. 11, 2021, in Boston. AP

For the Rays, it's an abrupt end to aspirations of back-to-back trips to the World Series after winning 100 games during the regular season and rolling to the AL East title.

"There's no doubt there's disappointment," Tampa Bay manager Kevin Cash said. "We had high aspirations to get deep into this thing. We ran into a Red Sox team that they just beat us — no other way around it. They got the big hits."

The Red Sox are the second team to clinch a postseason series with consecutive walk-off wins. The other was the Minnesota Twins in the 1991 World Series, according to STATS.

Vázquez led off the ninth with a single to left field and moved to second on a sacrifice bunt by Christian Arroyo. Travis Shaw hit a bouncing ground ball to third that went for an infield single when Yandy Díaz bounced his difficult throw to first baseman Ji-Man Choi. Vázquez got to third and Santana entered to run for him.

"Old school baseball right there," Cora said. "We won the ALDS playing good fundamental baseball."

Hernández, who was 9 for 20 in the series, scored Santana with a fly ball to left.

"I had the chance to win the game last night and I didn't do it," Hernández said. "I was thinking, walking to the plate, I was like, 'I'm about to finish this game.'"

Rays postseason star Randy Arozarena ripped a tying single with no outs in the eighth inning off Ryan Brasier and advanced to second on the throw. Garrett Whitlock relieved and got through the eighth without further damage, then pitched a scoreless ninth for the victory.

"Once AC said you've got to keep going, that's all I was focused on," Whitlock said.

Red Sox starter Eduardo Rodriguez allowed two runs and three hits with six strikeouts over five innings, plus one batter. It was redemption after he lasted just 1 2/3 innings and gave up two runs in Boston's 5-1 loss in Game 1.

Devers finished with three hits. Wander Franco had a two-run homer for Tampa.

The Red Sox led 5-0 after three but Tampa pulled within 5-3 on Austin Meadows' RBI single in the fifth and Franco's two-run homer in the sixth off Tanner Houck.

After being solid on the mound throughout 2021 and in a Game 1 win, Tampa's pitching struggled over the last three games, with the Red Sox outscoring the Rays 26-15.

Right-hander Collin McHugh was the opener Monday and pitched two scoreless innings, allowing one hit before handing the ball off to Game 1 starter Shane McClanahan.

The rookie was pitching on three days' rest and coming off a strong performance in which he earned the win after pitching five scoreless innings.

Boston had his number this time.

McClanahan quickly gave up a single Vázquez and walked Kyle Schwarber. He seemed on his way to getting out of trouble after he got Hernández to fly out for the second out of the inning.

But Devers jumped all over a first-pitch fastball and launched a line drive into the first row of the center field bleachers.

Xander Bogaerts singled. That was followed by Verdugo's double off the Green Monster that scored Bogaerts. J.D. Martinez kept it going with a single off the Monster that brought Verdugo.

McClanahan's line for the night: five hits, five runs, a walk and home run.

"Down 5-0 nothing in the third inning, that was pretty devastating," Cash said. "We claw back in it and we came up short tonight."

Pederson 3-run HR, Braves blank Brewers for 2-1 NLDS lead

ATLANTA (AP)—Joc Pederson credits his postseason success to "not making any moment bigger than it needs to be."

With another jolt, Pederson put the Atlanta Braves on the verge of advancing in the playoffs.

Pederson kept enhancing his "Joctober" nickname with a three-run, pinch-hit homer and the Braves shut down Milwaukee once again, beating the Brewers 3-0 on Monday to take a 2-1 edge in the NL Division Series.

"It was pretty special," Pederson said of the fifth-inning drive. "To come up big in a moment like that was pretty cool."

In a matchup dominated by pitching, Ian Anderson and the Braves bullpen combined on a five-hitter and won by a 3-0 score for the second straight game.

Boosted by shortstop Dansby Swanson's athletic defense, Atlanta can try to reach its second straight NL Championship Series when it hosts Game 4 on Tuesday.

Pederson's homer was his second of the series, both as a pinch-hitter against Adrian Houser. Pederson singled as a pinch-hitter in his only other at-bat in this series, and has driven in four of Atlanta's seven runs.

Pederson has hit 11 postseason home runs overall and helped the Los Angeles Dodgers win the World Series last year with his long-balls. He then signed as a free agent with the Chicago Cubs in the winter and was traded to Atlanta in July.

"He's been in the big moment, the big stage, and he's performed and guys appreciate that," Braves manager Brian Snitker said.

Since winning the opening game of the series, the NL Central champion Brewers have not scored in 19 consecutive innings. They were 0 for 8 with runners in scoring position in this loss.

Asked about the poorly timed offensive slump, manager Craig Counsell said, "We're in it. I thought we swung the bats better today. ... We've got to catch a break, frankly."

Anderson was dominant for the NL East champion Braves, allowing three hits over five innings with no walks and six strikeouts. Will Smith, the fourth Braves reliever, pitched a perfect ninth for his second save of the series.

Milwaukee starter Freddy Peralta pitched four scoreless innings and was pulled for a pinch-hitter when the Brewers threatened in the fifth.

Houser gave up singles to Travis d'Arnaud and Swanson to open the fifth. Pederson, hitting for Anderson, pulled a high, inside fastball deep into the right-field seats for a 3-0 lead.

"It didn't look like a bad pitch to me, but give him credit," Counsell said.

Asked how he pulled the high pitch for the homer, Pederson shrugged and said, "I guess I'm a pretty good player, I don't know. I knocked it out of the yard."

Adam Duvall made a crucial baserunning mistake when he tried to advance from first to second as Austin Riley tried to score from third on d'Arnaud's flyball in the second. Left fielder Christian Yelich nailed Duvall for the third out before Riley crossed the plate, costing Atlanta a run.

The Brewers hit only .183 in the first two games of the series, including a 3-0 loss in Game 2. Counsell made one lineup change, inserting Luis Urías at third base for Eduardo Escobar.

The Brewers couldn't score in the fifth after putting runners on second and third with no outs. Urías, hit by a pitch, moved to third on a double by Omar Narváez.

Anderson escaped when Lorenzo Cain's sharp grounder was stopped by a diving Swanson, who held the baserunners before throwing to first. Urías was caught in a rundown on pinch-hitter Daniel Vogelbach's grounder to third base, and Kolten Wong lined out to Freddie Freeman at first base to end the inning.

Swanson turned an acrobatic double play to end the eighth after Luke Jackson walked Jace Peterson and gave up a one-out single to Willy Adames.

Pederson still wore the pearl necklace in his postgame news conference that became part of his uniform late this season. He said the pearls are real and were ordered from his jeweler.

"I think I just saw the pearls and thought that looked cool," he said, adding the necklace "kind of caught my eye."

Brewers CF Cain, running at full speed, crashed into the wire fence as he tried to catch Duvall's drive in the fourth. Cain held the ball in his glove before hitting the ground and losing control. Cain stayed down as Duvall raced to third with the two-out triple.

Cain remained in the game after a visit from Counsell and a trainer. Peralta struck out Eddie Rosario to end the inning.

"He was fortunate he just jammed his shoulder," Counsell said. "It's probably going to be a little sore tomorrow, but I'm optimistic."

Jackson leads Ravens back to 31-25 OT win over Colts

BALTIMORE (AP)—Even more than usual, the Baltimore Ravens needed Lamar Jackson to do pretty much everything as they tried to climb out of a second-half hole.

Their running backs had been stopped, and another key offensive player had left with an injury — but the Ravens still had their star quarterback, whose latest scintillating effort may have been the best of his young career.

"It's one of the greatest performances I've ever seen," coach John Harbaugh said. "It wasn't easy. It wasn't like we came out, just up and down the field. We had to overcome and fight through some things."

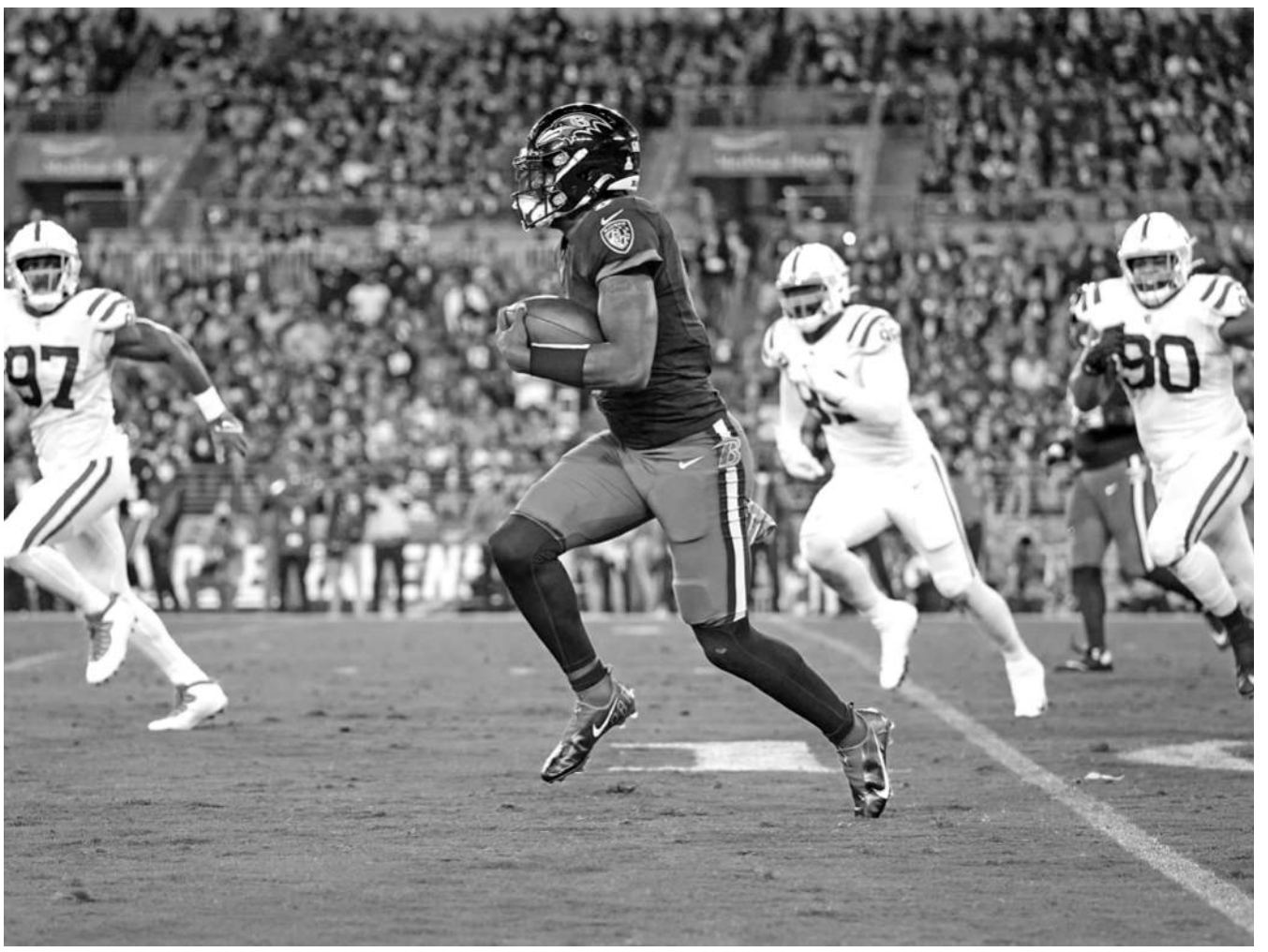
Jackson threw a 5-yard touchdown pass to Marquise Brown on the first possession of overtime to give the Ravens a 31-25 victory over the Indianapolis Colts on Monday night. The Baltimore quarterback threw for a career-high 442 yards and four touchdowns, including a pair of short TD passes to Mark Andrews in the fourth quarter as the Ravens rallied from a 25-9 deficit.

Andrews also caught the two 2-point conversions during that furious comeback.

Jackson went 37 of 43 without an interception. He also ran for 62 yards. If you subtract the 5 yards Jackson lost when sacked, he accounted for 499 of Baltimore's 523 net yards on the night.

"I was just locked in," Jackson said. "I was just calm. Everything was just moving slow."

The Ravens had to withstand a 47-yard field goal attempt by Rodrigo Blankenship on the final play of regulation, but the Indianapolis kicker missed, sending the teams to overtime.



AP

Baltimore Ravens quarterback Lamar Jackson (8) scrambles away from Indianapolis Colts defenders during the first half of an NFL football game, Monday, Oct. 11, 2021, in Baltimore.

The Ravens had their record-tying streak of 43 straight 100-yard rushing games snapped, and it looked like they were in big trouble after Jackson fumbled near the goal line in the third quarter. But after that turnover, Baltimore scored a touchdown on each of its final four possessions.

The Indianapolis kicking game was a big reason the game got to overtime. Blankenship—who hurt a hip in warmups—missed an extra point in the third quarter. With the Colts up 25-17, he had a 37-yard kick blocked by Calais Campbell with 4:29 remaining, giving the Ravens a chance to tie the game.

"Tough loss. Proud of the way our guys fought. We have to learn from our mistakes and learn how to finish games," Colts coach Frank Reich said. "No one is going to feel sorry for us. We have to learn from it and get better."

Jackson directed an 11-play, 75-yard drive that ended with a 4-yard touchdown pass to Andrews with 39 seconds remaining. Then Jackson flipped a 2-point conversion pass over the middle to Andrews to tie it.

The Colts (1-4) made it back into field goal range, with the help of an unnecessary roughness penalty on Baltimore's Tavon Young with 13 seconds left, but Blankenship's kick sailed wide left.

Wentz threw for a career-high of his own, 402 yards and two touchdowns. Jonathan Taylor scored on a 76-yard swing pass early in the first quarter, then added a rushing touchdown in the third as the Colts took a 22-3 lead.

But the game was far from over.

"A guy like Lamar, you know he's going to have a couple plays," Taylor said. "He's a special player."

The Ravens (4-1) took over sole possession of first place in the AFC North after Cleveland and Cincinnati lost Sunday.

The first half was fairly uneventful, but the Ravens started and finished it poorly. On third-and-15, Taylor took a swing pass, slipped into the Baltimore secondary and outran everyone for a touchdown just 2:01 into the game.

There was no more scoring until late in the second quarter, when the Ravens settled for Justin Tucker's 23-yard field goal. The Colts had enough time to drive back the other way, and after converting on fourth-and-11, they set up for a field goal.

The kick was missed, but Baltimore's Marlon Humphrey had jumped offside. Blankenship made the re-kick from 37 yards for a 10-3 lead at the half.

The Ravens, already without injured rookie wideout Rashod Bateman, lost receiver Sammy Watkins to a hamstring injury in the second quarter.

Indianapolis got the ball first in the second half and took a 16-3 lead on Wentz's 42-yard scoring pass to Michael Pittman Jr. Jackson drove the Ravens back the other way, but on first-and-goal from the 1, he lost the ball and Darius Leonard picked it up for the Colts.

Leonard ran it back to about the Indianapolis 25, then lateraled to Isaiah Rodgers, who went the rest of the way for an apparent touchdown. It was ruled a forward lateral after a review, so that part of the play was negated, but the Colts still got the ball and quickly drove for a TD. Taylor's 4-yard run made it 22-3.

Jackson threw a 43-yard touchdown pass to Brown late in the third.

Jon Gruden resigns as Raiders coach over offensive emails

By JOSH DUBOW
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Jon Gruden has resigned as coach of the Las Vegas Raiders after emails he sent before being hired in 2018 contained racist, homophobic and misogynistic comments.

Gruden released a statement Monday night, saying: "I have resigned as head coach of the Las Vegas Raiders. I love the Raiders and do not want to be a distraction. Thank you to all the players, coaches, staff, and fans of Raider Nation. I'm sorry, I never meant to hurt anyone."

He stepped down after The New York Times reported that Gruden frequently used misogynistic and homophobic language directed at Commissioner Roger Goodell and others in the NFL.

Special teams and assistant head coach Rich Bisaccia will take over on an interim basis.

It was a rapid downfall for Gruden, who is in the fourth year of a 10-year, $100 million contract he signed with the Raiders in 2018. It started on Friday when the Wall Street Journal reported that Gruden used a racist term to describe NFL union chief DeMaurice Smith in a 2011 email to former Washington executive Bruce Allen.

The emails were discovered in a workplace misconduct investigation into the Washington Football Team but ended up costing Gruden his job when they also showed Gruden denounced the drafting of a gay player and the tolerance of players protesting during the playing of the national anthem among other issues.

Gruden apologized for his "insensitive remarks" about Smith, saying they were made out of frustration over the 2011 lockout. But the latest emails sent from between 2011-18 when Gruden was an analyst for ESPN show his use of derogatory language went well beyond that.

A league source confirms the accuracy of the emails and said they were sent to the Raiders last week. The person spoke on condition of anonymity because the league hasn't made the emails public.

Raiders owner Mark Davis said last week that the email about Smith was "disturbing and not what the Raiders stand for" and said the team was reviewing the additional emails. Davis issued a statement Monday saying only that he accepted Gruden's resignation.

The Times reported that Gruden used a gay slur to insult Goodell and said he was "clueless" and "anti-football." He also said Goodell shouldn't have pressured the Rams to draft "queers," a reference to Michael Sam, who was the first openly gay player drafted by an NFL team.

Raiders defensive end Carl Nassib came out as gay in June and is the first openly gay player to appear in an NFL game.

In a 2017 email, the Times said Gruden responded to a sexist meme of a female official by saying: "Nice job roger."

The paper also said Gruden criticized Goodell and the NFL league for trying to reduce concussions, and said that Eric Reid, a player who had demonstrated during the playing of the national anthem, should be fired.

The newspaper said Gruden also mocked an article in 2017 about players calling on Goodell to support their efforts promoting racial equality and criminal justice reform.

"He needs to hide in his concussion protocol tent," Gruden wrote.

Gruden and Allen have a long relationship, having worked together in Oakland and Tampa Bay. The emails between the two and other men included photos of women wearing only bikini bottoms, including one photo of two Washington team cheerleaders.

Gruden also criticized President Barack Obama during his re-election campaign in 2012, and then-vice president Joe Biden.

Smith said earlier Monday that he appreciates that Gruden reached out to him following the initial report, but that the email is evidence that the fight against racism is ongoing.

"But make no mistake, the news is not about what is said in our private conversation, but what else is said by people who never thought they would be exposed and how they are going to be held to account," Smith wrote in a Twitter thread.

Gruden's comments to Allen about Smith came during the 2011 lockout of the players by the NFL. Gruden told the Wall Street Journal he was angry about the lockout during labor negotiations and he didn't trust the direction the union was taking.

"Dumboriss Smith has lips the size of michellin tires," Gruden wrote in the email reviewed by the newspaper.

Davis had been trying to hire Gruden almost since he took charge following the death of his father, Al, in 2011. He finally got his prize in 2018 when Gruden agreed to leave ESPN and return to the sideline with a 10-year contract. Gruden had revived the Raiders in is first stint in 1998-2001 and then beat them in the Super Bowl the following season after he was traded to Tampa Bay for a boatload of draft picks.

Gruden has a 117-112 career record but hasn't won a playoff game since the Super Bowl victory over the Raiders in the 2002 season.

Rampage throttle RNV; Devil Dog mauls Power Builders

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Rampage bucked an injury to one of its sharpshooters to defeat RNV, while Devil Dog Warriors hardly broke a sweat in posting a lopsided win against Power Builders as the Island-wide Men's BudLight Basketball League resumed Monday at the Tinian Multi-Purpose Gymnasium.

After matches were cancelled last Friday due to flooding at the venue, Rampage leaned on the hot 3-point shooting of Leo Pascua to turn back RNV, 94-80, in the opener

It was a virtual dogfight in the first half with Rampage taking a 24-23 lead after the first quarter and a 38-36 spread at the half. That all changed though when Pascua got into a zone at the start of third quarter, hitting six triples as Rampage opened up a 75-65 advantage heading onto the fourth quarter.

With RNV unable to stop Pascua's torrid shooting, it took an unfortunate collision with Rommel Uduando at the 8:23 mark of the fourth to sideline the Rampage gunner. The accidental contact left Pasuca with a large cut on his upper head and Uduando with a laceration on his lower lip and swollen left face.

CONTRIBUTED PHOTO
Rampage takes on RNV in the first game of the Island-wide Men's BudLight Basketball League last Monday at the Tinian Multi-Purpose Gymnasium.

The rest of Pascua's teammates seem to have rallied after he was taken by ambulance to the Tinian Health Center, as Rampage closed out RNV the rest of the game for the 14-point win.

Despite not finishing the game, Pascua still led Rampage with a season-high 32 points. Wesley Walker also tossed in 22 points in Rampage's ninth victory in 11 games. The loss dropped RNV to 4-8. They were led by Uduando's 24 points.

In the second game, Devil Dog Warriors made mincemeat of Power Builders, 100-35, in what could be the largest point differential in the league's short history.

Jake Montgomery led a parade of Devil Dog Warriors in double digits with 27 points, while Zjonti Kubinski added 22. The win was the 10th in 12 matches for second-running Devil Dog Warriors. Michael Castro was the lone bright spot for the now 2-9 Power Builders with 21 markers.

First Game

Rampage 94 – Pascua 32, Walker 22, Ja. Epity 17, Cepeda 15, E. Epity 4, Dela Cruz 2, Untalan 2.

RNV 80 – Udaundo 24, Albano 13, Ladyon 10, Bungabong 10, Bucayag 7, Rizardo 4, Alagos 3, Gorpuz 2, Molina 2.

Scoring by quarters: 24-23, 38-36, 75-65, 94-80.

Second Game

Devil Dog Warriors 100 – Montgomery 27, Kubinski 20, Kada 14, Wayland 13, Navarro 8, James 6, Ogaldez 4, Carrasco 4, Beal 2.

Power Builders 35 – Castro 21, Apatan 6, Libut 5, Sanchez 2, Dumdum 1.

Scoring by quarters: 19-6, 53-16, 78-28, 100-35.

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NFL STANDINGS

AMERICAN CONFERENCE

East	W	L	T	Pct	PF	PA
Buffalo	4	1	0	.800	172	64
New England	2	3	0	.400	96	92
Miami	1	4	0	.200	79	154
N.Y. Jets	1	4	0	.200	67	121
South						
Tennessee	3	2	0	.600	132	130
Houston	1	4	0	.200	89	141
Indianapolis	1	4	0	.200	108	128
Jacksonville	0	5	0	.000	93	152
North						
Baltimore	4	1	0	.800	136	117
Cincinnati	3	2	0	.600	114	100
Cleveland	3	2	0	.600	142	114
Pittsburgh	2	3	0	.400	94	112
West						
L.A. Chargers	4	1	0	.800	142	116
Denver	3	2	0	.600	102	76
Las Vegas	3	2	0	.600	113	120
Kansas City	2	3	0	.400	154	163

NATIONAL CONFERENCE

East						
Dallas	4	1	0	.800	170	117
Philadelphia	2	3	0	.400	115	124
Washington	2	3	0	.400	123	155
N.Y. Giants	1	4	0	.200	103	139
South						
Tampa Bay	4	1	0	.800	167	122
Carolina	3	2	0	.600	115	87
New Orleans	3	2	0	.600	127	91
Atlanta	2	3	0	.400	105	148
North						
Green Bay	4	1	0	.800	120	122
Chicago	3	2	0	.600	84	100
Minnesota	2	3	0	.400	113	109
Detroit	0	5	0	.000	98	138
West						
Arizona	5	0	0	1.000	157	95
L.A. Rams	4	1	0	.800	141	116
San Francisco	2	3	0	.400	117	119
Seattle	2	3	0	.400	120	126

BY THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

76ers get used to life at home without disgruntled Simmons

PHILADELPHIA (AP)—The Florida man who corralled a loose alligator into a recycling bin described his thought process on the hunt for the reptile like this:

"I'm not going to be Ben Simmons. I'm gonna get me this basket," Eugene Bozzi said in a TV interview.

Would you be surprised to learn the alligator wrangler was a Philadelphia native?

Without playing a game, Simmons is getting dunked on, from wrestlers to weathermen to Shaq, and there's no respite from the insults, not as long as he refuses to play for the Philadelphia 76ers. The three-time All-Star guard on Thursday night skipped the Sixers' preseason home opener — the official status update was "not with team" — and he's now a pariah in Philly.

Simmons was out of sight, out of mind and out of the team pregame hype video, with no public hint of a resolution to the messy separation any time soon.

The Sixers have largely stopped talking about him, and really, who could add anything of substance that would live up to Joel Embiid's open rebuke last week that the melodrama was "weird, disappointing, borderline kind of disrespectful to all the guys that are out here fighting for their lives"? The 25-year-old Australian, still with $147 million and four years left on his contract, these days is little more than a public punchline.

He's dragged on social media, where he stayed silent during the game, and mocked along the coast in viral videos.

Take, for example, a rapping wrestler who had some choice words for a tag team waiting in the ring inside a packed Philly arena this week. Max Caster freestyled he'd "send the boys packing like their name's Ben Simmons." The diss triggered thousands of AEW fans to chant, well, "(Expletive) Ben Simmons!"

Yes, the most hated heel in the city this week — or this season — getting the one-syllable profanity treatment is a former No. 1 draft pick.

The Philadelphia meteorologist nicknamed "Hurricane" opened a recent forecast with the dig, "unlike Ben Simmons, we had to show up today." Glenn Schwartz added, "we gave him every break, every encouragement."

The forecast for reconciliation is cloudy.

Shake Milton started at point guard against Toronto after Ty Maxey ran the offense in the preseason opener. On the court, the only debate is who runs the show in Simmons' place.

"I don't know if this is a team that there's a starting lineup," coach Doc Rivers said. "It's just going to be different guys, different nights. That's just how we're going to play."

Trying to build off last season's No. 1 seed in the Eastern Conference, the Sixers would likely have to land an elite guard in a package deal for Simmons to remain an NBA championship contender. Raptors coach Nick Nurse knows the feeling of adjusting on the fly after losing superstars, such as Kawhi Leonard and Kyle Lowry.

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had responsibilities with his day job to attend to.

"We did have a group to run this together but everyone else was unable to do it this weekend. I wanted to join them Saturday, but I had to attend the cross country meet that morning. I also spent the day installing smoke alarms with the Red Cross and DFEMS for Fire Prevention Month so I needed more rest so I ended up doing it Sunday."

Dela Cruz celebrated completing his first marathon at 1am at home with an ice bucket bath and a protein shake after literally being on the road since 6pm the day before.

"I've been running everyday for 1,724 day straight. Haven't missed a day. I'm happy I got to complete my first marathon at 29."

Carlos, a 52-year-old accountant at Mt. Carmel School, completed the virtual Boston Marathon last Saturday in a time of 6:39. It was her third overall marathon, having competed in a marathon in Hawaii in 2019 and the virtual New York Marathon in 2020.

"It's just a project for myself trying to do one marathon every year and it was hard, brutal, ugly but it was a lot of fun… doing a virtual marathon is an honor system and it's 85% a mind battle because you don't have an audience. It's just me, myself, and I," she said.

"'Run a marathon' they said, it's fun but the reality is it's no joke...it is hard, painful, and it sucks. But once you finish it, you feel accomplished. There's always this feeling of joy at every end of a long run," added Carlos.

The Santiago City, Isabela in the Philippines native said like Dela Cruz she also had to overcome challenges when it came to training for the 42-kilometer race.

"I have a training plan but it was not consistent considering the weather that we have lately. You really need to have a lot of long runs to build endurance. I hurt my knee in the last 6 miles of the marathon but I have to finish it even if I had to crawl. This is a commitment to myself and it's totally worth it."

Carlos started running competitively in 2016 by joining 5K and 10K fun runs. Placing in those races inspired her to pursue the sport and a couple of years later she joined her first Saipan Half Marathon.

"[Running] is for my health and then I realized it's something that I believed that I can do. This is a great stress-reliever. Though at times I question myself why I'm doing this to myself at my age and the answer is simple—it brings me happiness, every run is my 'ME' time," the mother of one daughter and two pitbulls said.

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White (14.1).

Kim, who won the second and third qualifiers, said she's just glad that she's been able to improve in running since she began in the sport in kindergarten.

"I started running in K-5 and came in last. This year, in eighth grade, I came in first. I am proud of myself for winning a gold medal for the first time. I thank my coaches for helping me improve," she said.

The rest of the SIS gold-medal winning team include Julie Chavez (5th in 14.3), Phoenix Gross (6th in 15.56), and Lina Tsukagoshi (11th in 17.55).

Results of the elementary school individual medal race will be published in tomorrow's issue of *Saipan Tribune*.

The Public School System partnered with Northern Marianas Athletics, the governing body of athletics in the CNMI, to organize track and field as well as cross country events in the 2021-22 school year.

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Gallardo vs. Guerrero/Macario duel will then challenge Torres for the second slot in the finals opposite Galvez.

In the men's A doubles, Galvez also booked his second finals appearance of the tournament after pairing with Gallardo in a 20-21, 21-19, 21-16 marathon win over Guerrero and Macario. The latter advanced to the semifinals after beating Jordan Pangilinan and Torres, 21-14, 21-19.

Galvez was close to an outright third finals in the mixed A doubles, but he and Windy Fernandez were ambushed in the semifinals by Jordan Pangelinan and Lucelle Lampera in three hard-fought sets, 21-18, 11-21, 21-1.

Pangelinan and Lampera made it to the semifinals following a 21-20, 19-21, 21-10 conquest of Macario and Miles Guerrero. Galvez and Fernandez secured their semis stint with a 21-19, 15-21, 21-19 triumph over Nathan Guerrero and Janelle Pangilinan. Fernandez can still help Galvez make it to a third final appearance as they're just awaiting the winner in the loser's bracket semis between Nate Guerrero and Janelle Pangilinan and Macario and Miles Guerrero.

A total of 29 players are competing in the TakeCare Insurance Co., Inc.-sponsored tournament. Results of the men's and women's B and C singles, doubles, and mixed doubles will be published in the next issues of *Saipan Tribune.*

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Two complete Boston Marathon

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Edward Dela Cruz Jr. and Malou Carlos checked something off their bucket list after completing the 2021 Boston Marathon virtually over the weekend.

Dela Cruz, the Saipan Run president, finished the 42-kilometer run in 5:48:54 last Monday morning and said it was great and painful at the same time.

"Virtual races are always the worst for me because you just don't have the same feeling of running with others. There is no aid station. No crowd cheering. You have to carry your water and gear with you."

The 29-year-old firefighter with the Department of Fire and Emergency Management Services said the marathon was made more difficult because of lingering injuries.

"I was not able to train for this due to a series of injuries. I'm currently going through physical therapy. I still went out and completed it though. I really did want to quit at mile 14 as my right heel pain was so excruciating. I was very fortunate that one of my close friends, Gerald Galang, came out and supported me the last half of the run to complete it. He almost literally dragged me for 12 miles. My plan was to run the half marathon route twice. The hardest part was knowing I needed to go back out and do one more lap, knowing you have to do the whole route again and being handicapped," he said.

Dela Cruz said a local group of runners originally wanted to run the Boston Marathon together on Saturday, but some eventually begged off and he

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Edward Dela Cruz Jr., left, and Malou Carlos overcame injuries and lack of training to complete the virtual 2021 Boston Marathon this weekend.

Andreau barges into finals of 2 divisions

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After leading Shirley's Badminton Club to championships in the last two team tournaments, Andreau Galvez is shining anew in the TakeCare Badminton Open 2021 after advancing to the finals of both the singles and doubles divisions over the weekend at the Gilbert C. Ada Gymnasium.

In the men's A singles, the CNMI national badminton team member in the 2019 Pacific Games in Apia, Samoa is the first to punch a ticket to the finals after outlasting Joseph Torres, 10-21, 21-12, 21-15. Galvez earlier beat Lance Gallardo, 21-20, 10-21, 21-15 in the quarterfinals.

Gallardo bounced back from the loss to Galvez by beating Janelle Pangilinan in the loser's bracket, 21-13, 21-16. He awaits the victor of the matchup between Nathan Guerrero and Daniel Macario. The winner of the

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Andreau Galvez advanced to the finals of both the men's A singles and men's A doubles of the TakeCare Badminton Open 2021 over at the weekend at the Gilbert C. Ada Gymnasium.

Moshe, Abbie finish first in middle school XC

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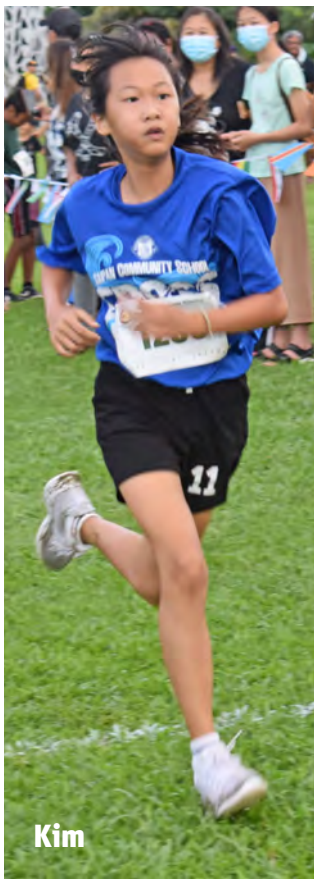
Saipan International School's Moshe Sikkel and Saipan Community School's Abbie Kim lorded it over the competition in the middle school division of the 2021 PSS/NMA Cross Country Championships last Saturday at the old Saipan Country Club golf course behind Saipan Vegas.

Sikkel, who won all three qualifiers, anchored SIS to a first place finish in the team competition after earning gold in the individual race. He crossed the finish line of the 2.5-kilometer race in a speedy 9.55. He beat Grace Christian Academy's Michael Miller and Francisco M. Sablan Middle School's Christian Lucero who came in second and third with times of 11.41 and 10.44, respectively.


Kim

Sikkel

Sikkel was ecstatic by finishing the race under 10 minutes. "I was happy with my performance and that I was able to hold off my swim teammate, Michael Miller, to beat him to the finish. I am also proud that my SIS teammates put in really strong performances to help us earn the top spot in the team standings," he said.

Also helping SIS to the gold medal in the team rankings were Taiga Namai-Scoggins (6th in 11:59.56), Guy Hyeon "Sean" Park (9th in 12.17), Brendar DeRocher (11th in 12.22.65), Dong Hyun Lee (13.08), and Aiden Camacho (13.4).

Kim helped SCS to a second place finish in the team competition after topping the cross country championships for middle school girls in 12.21. She was followed by a pair of SIS runners—Suki Peng (13.19) and Aubrey

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